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(Civil)

OF THE

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FOR

THE YEAR 1887.

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Commissioner, Central Provinces, in the General Department, dated Nagpur, the 26th May 1888.

READ letter No. 1,882, dated 3rd May 1888, from the Registrar, Judicial Commissioner's Court, submitting the Judicial Commissioner's Report on the Administration of Civil Justice during the year 1887.

Read also the District and Divisional Reports.

RESOLUTION.

The Courts

It was explained in the Resolution on the report for 1886 that on the introduction of the Central Provinces Civil Courts Act, which came into force on the 1st January 1886, it had been found possible to relieve Deputy Commissioners and Tahsildars of a portion of their Civil Judicial work by the appointment of Civil Judges and Munsiffs. Civil Judges were appointed in six districts and Munsiffs in fifteen tahsils in that year. It was also explained that while Deputy Commissioners had been partially relieved by the appointment of Civil Judges in certain districts, the effect of the provisions of the Act in regard to the venue of appeals had been to transfer some of the appellate work of Commissioners to Deputy Commissioners, and a doubt was expressed whether, in the interests of the general administration of the province, the relief afforded to Deputy Commissioners, was sufficient. Further steps have been taken during the year 1887 to extend the relief previously granted to District Officers by the appointment of Civil Judges in the Saugor, Sambalpur and Bilaspur districts. Moreover, orders have been recently issued enabling Deputy Commissioners to exercise a freer discretion in the distribution of work between themselves and the Civil Judges. These arrangements will, it is hoped, facilitate the prompt disposal of business. The expediency of relieving the Deputy Commissioners of three or four of the most heavily worked districts of Civil work entirely, is a matter now under the Chief Commissioner's consideration. The obstacle to this reform is the insufficiency of the staff of qualified Assistants—and indeed of the staff of Assistants generally. Some of the best Assistants have been deputed to Settlement work and to appointments as Superintendents of Feudatory States, and it is difficult to fill up leave vacancies without ordering transfers which greatly impede work and throw it into arrears. The question of the staff necessary for the efficient disposal of the work of all kinds in each district is now occupying the Chief Commissioner's attention. The Commissioner of Nagpur considers that some of the Tahsildars of his Division are over-burdened with Civil case work, and the figures he quotes appear as regards certain Tahsils to justify his opinion. Except for the business of certain Zamindaris in the Bilaspur and Sambalpur districts, no new Munsiffs were appointed in 1887. But since the close of the year a Munsiff has been appointed to the Jubbulpore Tahsil.

2. There was a large and general increase of litigation in 1886, which has been followed in the year under report by a slight decrease. The fluctuations in different districts are for the most part unimportant, and the decrease for the Province is below one per cent. The general character of the litigation remains unaltered; 74 per cent of the suits did not exceed Rs. 50 in value and 85 per cent were for money or moveable property. Both as regards extent and character, there is much similarity between the statistics of litigation for the two years 1886 and 1887. It is noteworthy, however, that while in respect of suits generally the steady increase of Court business which has been chronicled of late years has been checked in 1887, tenancy litigation has gone on increasing. The number of tenancy suits has risen, while the total number of suits has declined. The figures below exhibit the gradual growth of tenancy litigation :—

Litigation.

	1884.	1885.	1886.	1887.
Suits for arrears of rent	5,749	6,429	7,167	8,416
Other suits between landlord and tenant ...	1,534	2,000	2,084	2,044
Total ...	7,283	8,429	9,251	10,460
Percentage of total litigation	7·2	8·0	8·2	9·4

For two or three years past the harvests have been deficient and cultivators had fallen into arrears. This is a reasonable and sufficient explanation of the increase in the number of suits for arrears. The Deputy Commissioner of Bhandara appears to think that malguzars take advantage of agricultural distress to harass their tenants by putting them into Court. The Commissioner of Jubbulpore expresses a more favourable opinion of the landowning classes, observing that in some large estates not more that a third of the rental was collected, and but for the consideration of landlords many more suits for arrears would have been instituted. Considering that the mass of the population is agricultural, the number of tenancy suits cannot be regarded as large. There are no doubt grasping landlords in this as in every country who do not let slip any opportunity of getting their tenants into their power, but there appears to the Chief Commissioner to be no reason to apprehend that, exceptional cases excluded, and allowing always for diversity of interest, the relations between landlords and tenants in these provinces are generally other than satisfactory.

Distribution of work

3. The distribution of suits disposed of among the different classes of Courts is given below :—

	1886		1887	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Small Cause Courts	13,826	12·5	13,337	12·0
Naib-Tahsildars	34,319	30·9	35,067	31·5
Munsiffs	27,054	24·4	28,051	25·2
Tahsildars	22,249	20·0	22,397	20·1
Honorary Assistant Commissioners ...	...	...	57	0·1
Assistant Commissioners and Civil Judges	12,381	12·1	12,257	11·0
Deputy Commissioners ..	177	0·1	123	0·1
Total .	1,11,007	100	1,11,289	100

Small Cause Courts, Naib Tahsildars and Munsiffs disposed of 68·7 per cent of the total. While Naib Tahsildars and Munsiffs disposed of more work than in the preceding year, Tahsildars obtained no relief. They disposed indeed of a slightly larger quantity of work than in the preceding year. Deputy Commissioners and Assistant Commissioners and Civil Judges disposed of less original work than in that year.

The number of first appeals preferred is given below :—

Appeals to	1886.	1887.
Commissioners	333	306
Deputy Commissioners	3,874	3,538
Civil Judges	1,919	2,154
Total ..	6,126	5,998

Civil Judges relieved Deputy Commissioners of some of their appellate work, and the Judicial Commissioner reports that on the whole these officers have disposed of this work fairly well. Table P in paragraph 29 of the report shows that the Commissioners of Jubbulpore and Chhattisgarh have much lighter appellate work than the Commissioners of the Nagpur and Nerbudda Divisions. The business in the Judicial Commissioner's Court was not so heavy as in 1886.

4. The general results of trials of suits are given in Table L in paragraph 15 of the report and do not call for special remark.

Disposal of work

The heavy pending file in the Bhandara district has attracted the Judicial Commissioner's notice, and steps will no doubt be taken to have it cleared of old cases In the matter of duration of suits and in the more important matter of the average number of hearings, the results of the year are comparatively unsatisfactory The average duration of appeals in District Courts was also higher than in 1886 There can be no doubt that the frequent transfers of officers, regarding which complaint is made in many Reports, has in some measure tended to these results But the Administration is helpless in the matter at present It has no reserve of officers on which to draw, and owing to what the Chief Commissioner considers a needless reluctance to confer higher powers upon officers, the absence from duty of a Civil Judge or Senior Extra-Assistant disturbs the personnel of half a dozen districts. Looking to the petty character of the litigation, Mr. Mackenzie can see no reason why there should be so much distrust of the ability of officers of moderate judicial experience to deal with it, and he will shortly take up the whole question of the powers to be exercised by officers of different grades Another cause of delay is said to be the waste of time by inferior pleaders The remedy for this lies in the hands of officers presiding in Courts A strong officer can always, without in any way trenching on the legitimate privileges of the Bar, put a stop to irrelevant argument and prevent undue waste of the time of his Court

5 In conclusion the Chief Commissioner desires to record his obligations to Mr. R J Crosthwaite, Judicial Commissioner, for his careful supervision of the working of the Courts and for his advice and co-operation throughout the year

The Chief Commissioner is disposed to think that it would be useful if the Judicial Commissioner recorded a Resolution on the Reports of each Division as they reach him, dealing with any special matters brought out in them Mr Mackenzie finds various questions discussed in the district and divisional reports on which the Judicial Commissioner might usefully pass orders, though they do not call for notice in the Provincial Report If the Judicial Commissioner concurs in this, the Chief Commissioner would be glad to be favoured with copies of the orders issued.

ORDER —Ordered that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Judicial Commissioner, and that copies bound with the Report be distributed as usual.

[True Extract.]

F C ANDERSON,

Offg Secretary.

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FROM

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To

THE SECRETARY TO THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER,
Central Provinces.

Dated Nagpur, the 8th March 1888.

SIR,

I have the honour to submit the Civil Judicial Statements for the year 1887 with the following remarks, which will be confined within as small a compass as is compatible with proper examination of the facts and figures embodied in the Statements.

(A). TRIBUNALS.

2. The number of Courts open at the close of 1887 was 168 as against 166 open at the close of the preceding year. Details for the two years are given in the margin. The senior Assistant Commissioners of three districts (Saugor, Sambalpur and Bilaspur) were invested during the year with the powers of a Civil Judge. In Wardha an Assistant Commissioner's Court came under reduction in consequence of the transfer of the presiding Judge. In Raipur an Honorary Assistant Commissioner (Raja Balram Dass of Nandgaon) ceased to work, whilst in Nimar another Honorary Assistant Commissioner (Balwant Rao Bhuskatti) began work during the year. Two Munsiffs' Courts, one presided over by Raja Rupnarain of Sakti and the other by the Manager of the Borasambhar and Phuljhar States, were established in Bilaspur and Sambalpur, and one Tahsildar's Court, presided over by the Manager of the Pandariah State, was established in Bilaspur. The Naib-Tahsildar of Harda ceased to do Civil work.

	1886.	1887.
Court of Judicial Commissioner ...	1	1
Do. Commissioner ...	4	4
Do. Deputy Commissioner ...	18	18
Do. Civil Judge ...	6	9
Do. Assistant Commissioner ...	32	29
Do. Tahsildar ...	50	51
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Total ...	166	168

The only Honorary Judge who exercised Civil powers at the close of the year was Mr. Balwant Rao Bhuskatti of Burhanpur. This gentleman exercised the powers of an Assistant Commissioner of the 3rd Class during the last five months of the year and disposed of 57 suits. Mr. Mukand Balkrishna Buti, Rai Bahadur, was appointed in July 1887 to be an Honorary Extra Assistant Commissioner with the powers of an Assistant Commissioner of the 3rd class, but this gentleman did not dispose of any cases.

3. The Local Bar consists of 15 Advocates (of whom 9 are Barristers) and 90 Pleaders, distributed as follows :—

Nagpur	...	26	Jubbulpore	...	15	Seoni	... 1
Bhandara	...	4	Saugor	...	8	Hoshangabad	... 10
Wardha	...	10	Rehli	...	1	Harda	... 4
Arvi	...	1	Damoh	...	3	Narsinghpur	... 10
Khandwa	...	2	Burhanpur	..	1	Raipur	... 7
Sambalpur	...	1	Bilaspur	...	1		

At the examination of local candidates for admission as Pleaders, held at Nagpur in November, under Act XVIII. of 1879, eight candidates were successful.

(B). EXTENT AND CHARACTER OF LITIGATION.

I.—*Number of suits.*

4. Of the two following tables, Table A shows the number of suits instituted and reinstituted in each district of the Provinces for each year from 1862 to date: Table B gives the same statistics for the last five years for each place where one or more Civil Courts are established.

TABLE A.

Showing the number of suits instituted and re-instituted in each District of the Central Provinces from 1862 to 1887.

Years.	Nagpur.				Chanda	Bhandara.	Wardha	Balaghat.	Jubbulpore.				Saugor				Nimar									Grand Total
	District.	City Small Cause Court.	Cantonment Small Cause Court, Kamptee.	Total.					District	City Small Cause Court	Cantonment Small Cause Court.	Total.	District.	Cantonment Small Cause Court	Total.	Seoni.	District	Cantonment Small Cause Court, Asirgarh	Total.	Narsinghpur	Chhindwara.	Raipur.	Bilaspur.	Sambalpur.	Upper Godavari.	
1863 ..	3,349	1,622	1,602	6,583	667	1,750	658	...	1,619	315	504	2,438	2,313	601	2,914	806	769	369	2,016	1,058	-	...	...	2,121	705	1,326	163	345	7	24,666
1863 ..	3,020	1,436	2,338	6,794	687	1,634	592	...	1,395	1,321	686	3,392	2,360	572	2,952	973	729	201	2,202	1,146	...	...	...	2,691	1,032	890	222	201	35	26,305
1864 ..	2,647	1,622	1,706	6,045	716	1,692	490	...	1,230	1,683	612	3,525	2,109	1,161	3,270	1,280	859	334	3,183	1,229	4,398	...	4,398	2,542	679	1,321	797	275	43	33,697
1865 ..	2,974	1,288	806	5,068	649	2,076	927	...	1,734	1,789	455	3,928	2,741	709	3,450	1,343	1,577	563	5,487	1,156	2,354	...	3,854	3,558	1,308	1,573	1,781	695	66	39,254
1866 ..	3,386	2,820	1,017	6,6[illegible]	1,021	2,420	1,216	...	1,405	1,636	481	3,522	2,988	720	3,708	1,185	1,289	421	5,279	1,194	7,581	..	7,561	3,416	1,345	1,879	2,896	598	163	45,250
1867 ..	3,890	3,289	1,3[illegible]	8,0[illegible]	1,219	2,934	1,898	803	1,685	1,662	296	3,643	2,724	389	3,113	1,263	1,709	380	5,427	1,979	5,541	27	5,568	3,272	1,990	1,406	3,762	592	89	48,544
1868 ..	4,566	4,069	2,0[illegible]	10,709	1,636	2,798	3,057	810	1,699	2,0[illegible]2	541	4,292	3,612	559	4,171	1,394	1,631	401	5,494	2,732	6,508	244	6,752	4,125	2,770	1,659	3,466	538	125	58,558
1869 ..	4,539	4,415	3,454	13,398	3,006	2,814	3,734	925	1,441	1,964	514	3,939	4,052	835	4,887	1,587	1,790	528	5,068	2,554	7,854	293	8,147	4,535	3,340	1,962	1,298	836	159	68,187
1870 ..	5,648	4,880	3,40[illegible]	13,935	2,587	3,596	4,277	727	1,725	2,435	445	4,605	4,003	692	4,695	2,185	1,693	656	6,756	2,702	7,629	165	7,854	5,657	4,027	3,123	1,866	959	299	72 183
1871 .	6,761	5,300	2,594	14,661	2,937	3,597	6,169	1,236	2,278	2,499	463	5,240	3,132	699	3,831	2,619	1,763	569	6,695	3,267	8,551	118	8,669	6,385	3,616	3,194	2,384	1,112	266	78,088
1872 ..	6,060	5,061	2,779	13,900	2,072	3,122	5,455	989	2,313	2,400	511	5,224	2,652	672	3,324	1,904	1,343	679	7,219	3,249	9,572	174	9,746	5,598	3,537	2,641	2,561	1,027	277	73 955
1873	6,815	5,700	2,432	14,452	2,161	2,663	6,051	1,191	1,945	2,254	457	4,676	2,979	432	3,411	1,692	2,060	661	7,918	3,278	7,898	147	7,955	6,268	3 635	2,657	2,061	1,427	253	74,594
1874 .	6,904	6,104	2,857	15,845	2,089	2 707	6,639	1,310	2,106	2,493	445	5,044	3,325	302	3,630	1,459	1,744	690	7,513	2,953	7,459	90	7,579	6,365	3,729	3,663	2,085	1,337	179	76,639
1875 .	7,310	5,993	2,885	16,188	2,235	2,812	7,061	1,508	2,012	2,278	421	4,711	3,881	281	3,662	1,863	1,541	630	7,927	3,225	8,202	62	8,270	5,756	4,464	3,358	2,043	1,354	169	78,777
1876 ..	9,152	7,465	2,830	19,447	3,175	3,190	7,159	1,581	2,205	2,037	450	4,672	3,719	399	4,018	1,666	1,477	624	8,331	3,290	8,454	84	8,538	4,967	4,391	4 838	2,885	1,812	108	86,285
1877 ..	10,244	7,401	3,189	20,834	3,085	3,681	6,400	1,705	2,015	2,219	456	5,290	4,190	300	4,490	1,841	1,940	772	8,544	3,210	7,499	97	7,596	5,145	3,969	5,336	2,868	1,784	137	88,494
1878 .	9,105	8,301	3,463	20,869	2,754	3,074	4,549	2,300	2,427	2,508	454	5,389	3,810	297	4,107	1,815	1,500	557	7,175	3,510	6,436	57	6,493	4,351	3,300	4,790	2,579	1,738	...	79,786
1879 ..	10,411	7,844	2,939	21,194	3,175	3,668	5,641	1,339	2,690	2,801	553	6,044	3,284	190	3,474	2,345	1,640	847	6,832	3,268	7,674	69	7,743	4,604	3,439	5,774	2,481	2,832	...	87,863
1880	10,900	8 402	2,511	21,813	3,768	4,541	6,591	1,446	2 790	2,664	399	5,353	3,241	223	3,464	2,364	1,751	646	7,062	3,069	7,736	66	7,802	4,568	3,844	6,332	3,553	2,893	...	91,379
1881 ..	9,881	7,668	1,990	19,539	4,002	4,817	6,849	1,798	3,089	2,696	262	5,997	3,1 0	153	3,265	2,019	1,940	650	7,113	2,556	7,479	34	7,513	4,722	3,646	6,426	4,095	2 946	...	89,908
1882 ..	9,731	6,769	1,931	18,429	4,689	6,029	8,317	1,923	3,034	2,760	341	6,125	3,211	167	3,378	1,626	1,894	803	7,423	2,949	6,870	39	6,909	5,308	3,622	6,018	3,790	3,408	...	92,645
1883 ..	9,221	5,622	1,943	16,786	3,900	5,099	6,818	2,014	2,913	2,625	324	5,865	4,161	194	4,355	1,823	2,339	958	7,587	2,338	6,960	23	6,983	5,528	3,696	5,923	3,714	3 647	...	89,470
1884 ..	10,621	5,756	1,999	18,378	5,156	6,590	7,540	2 762	3,704	2,945	461	7,110	4,333	144	4,479	2,017	2,034	986	7,575	2,730	7,982	42	8,024	5,639	4,051	7,454	4,353	4,366	...	1,01,198
1885 ..	11,126	6,662	1,799	19,587	4,796	6,087	8,918	2,768	4,372	2,906	497	7,775	5,037	148	5,185	2,429	2,426	1,265	8,032	2,987	7,336	24	7,410	6,155	4,155	6,590	4,498	3,640	...	* 1,04,904
1886 ..	11,655	7,926	1,966	21,627	5,107	5,893	8,565	2,509	4,651	3,362	520	8,553	4,981	214	5,195	3,024	2,845	1,591	8,162	3,019	7,433	37	7,470	6,418	4,864	8,373	5,789	3,968	...	† 1,12,965
1887 ..	11,950	7,475	2,181	21,606	5,097	6,582	7,645	3,128	4,848	3,195	454	7,992	5,256	146	5,402	2,838	2,805	1,778	7,686	2,838	7,987	87	7,974	6,538	4,236	8,306	5,868	3,592	...	‡ 1,11,855
Grades and number of Courts at the close of 1887. — Court of the Judicial Commissioner				1		..			...																					1
Courts of the Commissioner				1	..		.	.				1	...	..	...				1		.			.	...	..	.	..	...	4
Courts of the Deputy Commissioner				1	1	1	1	1				1		1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	...	18
Courts of Civil Judges				1	1	.		...				1		1			.		1		..	1	...	1	1	1	1	1	...	9
Courts of the Assistant Commissioner				1	1	2	2	1				1		2	1	1	1	1	3	1		4	2	1	3	1	1	...	29
Courts of the Tahsildars				4	4	3	3	2				3		4	2	2	2		4	2		2	2	2	4	4	2	..	51
Courts of the Munsiffs (Additional Tahsildar)				3	...		3					.		1		.			3			1	2	..	1	1	2	...	17
Courts of the Naib Tahsildars				1	3	3		1				2		2	2	1	1		2	2		2	..	2	3	3	1	...	31
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Total .				17	10	9	9	5				11		12	6	5	5	15	6			11	8	6	14	11	8	...	168

* Includes one suit instituted in the Court of the Commissioner, Jubbulpore Division
† Includes three suits instituted in the Court of the Commissioner, Nagpur Division.
‡ Includes one suit instituted in do. do do.

TABLE B.

Showing the number of suits instituted and reinstituted in each Head-quarters Station and in each Tahsil of the Central Provinces, from 1883 to 1887.

Locality of Courts.		Number of suits instituted and re-instituted.				
		1883.	1884.	1885.	1886.	1887.
Nagpur ...	Nagpur	2,313	3,005	2,830	3,010	2,897
	Court of Small Causes, Nagpur...	5,622	5,758	6,662	7,926	7,475
	Total ...	7,935	8,763	9,492	10,936	10,372
	Kamptee	1,943	1,999	1,799	1,966	2,181
	Katol	1,162	1,742	2,260	2,849	2,645
	Ramtek	1,889	1,943	2,290	3,576	3,877
	Saoner	2,087	1,810	1,552	...	...
	Umrer	1,770	2,121	2,194	2,260	2,531
Chanda ...	Chanda	745	578	507	444	479
	Warora	1,471	2,141	2,028	2,121	2,048
	Mul	854	1,258	1,138	1,239	1,146
	Brahmapuri	768	1,073	1,016	1,173	1,252
	Sironcha Sub-division ...	62	111	107	130	172
Bhandara ..	Bhandara	2,263	2,146	2,548	2,650	3,343
	Tirora	2,098	3,269	2,360	1,960	2,217
	Sakoli	738	1,175	1,179	1,283	1,022
Wardha ...	Wardha	3,212	3,539	4,393	3,980	3,406
	Arvi	1,776	1,991	2,270	2,093	2,091
	Hinganghat	1,830	2,010	2,255	2,492	2,148
Balaghat ..	Burha	1,822	2,500	2,551	2,310	2,924
	Behir	192	262	217	199	204
Jubbulpore ...	Jubbulpore	1,152	1,520	1,883	1,910	1,855
	Court of Small Causes, Jubbulpore	2,628	2,945	2,906	3,382	3,195
	Do. do. Cantonment...	324	461	497	520	454
	Total ...	4,104	4,926	5,286	5,812	5,504
	Murwara	576	821	1,207	1,303	1,008
	Sehora	1,185	1,363	1,228	1,438	1,430

Locality of Courts		Number of suits instituted and re-instituted.				
		1883.	1884.	1885.	1886.	1887.
Saugor ...	Saugor	1,884	2,091	2,396	2,511	2,580
	Court of Small Causes, Saugor ..	194	144	148	214	146
	Kurai ...	935	963	1,260	1,135	1,197
	Rehli	930	809	792	823	951
	Banda	412	472	589	512	528
Damoh ...	Damoh	1,842	1,545	1,811	2,169	2,139
	Hatta	497	489	615	676	666
Seoni ...	Seoni	1,250	1,509	1,800	2,001	1,785
	Lakhnadon	572	508	629	1,033	1,053
Mandla ...	Mandla	769	805	1,082	1,417	1,571
	Ramgarh	189	191	183	174	202
Hoshangabad ...	Hoshangabad	2,227	2,570	2,984	3,290	3,239
	Seoni	905	890	807	1,090	1,010
	Harda - ..	2,655	2,009	2,628	1,923	1,784
	Sohagpur	1,667	1,485	1,517	1,764	1,495
	Pachmarhi Sub-division ...	133	21	96	95	108
Betul ...	Betul	1,432	1,800	2,002	2,076	1,676
	Multai	806	930	985	943	1,147
Narsinghpur ...	Narsinghpur	2,501	2,674	3,192	3,299	3,414
	Gadarwara	3,027	2,965	2,963	3,119	3,124
Nimar ...	Khandwa	4,922	5,317	4,508	4,632	5,595
	Burhanpur	2,038	2,665	2,878	2,751	2,342
	Court of Small Causes, Asirgarh ...	22	42	24	37	37
Chhindwara ...	Chhindwara	2,685	3,075	3,062	3,288	2,853
	Sausar	1,011	976	1,093	1,576	1,377
Raipur ...	Raipur	2,425	3,802	2,991	3,289	3,347
	Drug	1,193	1,071	1,079	1,370	1,441
	Dhamtari	1,107	1,514	1,512	2,084	1,909
	Simga	1,197	1,567	1,008	1,630	1,693
Sambalpur ...	Sambalpur	2,226	2,360	2,136	2,393	2,180
	Bargarh	1,621	2,005	1,704	1,595	1,412
Bilaspur ...	Bilaspur	1,486	1,797	1,618	2,171	2,335
	Mungeli	1,463	1,694	2,034	2,013	2,052
	Seorinarain	765	862	846	1,605	1,308
	Pandaria	...	...	...	...	108
	Total ...	89,470	101,193	*1,04,904	†1,12,965	‡1,11,855

* Includes one suit instituted in the Court of the Commissioner, Jubbulpore Division.
† Do. three suits do. do. Nagpur do.
‡ Do. includes one suit do do. do. do.

Table B 2. compares the figures of 1886 and 1887.

TABLE B 2.

Districts.	Number of suits instituted and re-instituted in		Increase or decrease.	Percentage.
	1886.	1887.		
Nagpur	21,587	21,606	+19	0·1
Chanda	5,107	5,097	—10	0·2
Bhandara	5,893	6,582	+689	11·6
Wardha	8,565	7,645	—920	10··
Balaghat	2,509	3,128	+619	24·6
Jubbulpore	8,553	7,992	—561	6·5
Saugor	5,195	5,402	+207	4·0
Seoni	3,034	2,838	—196	6·4
Damoh	2,845	2,805	—40	1·4
Mandla	1,591	1,773	+182	11·4
Hoshangabad	8,162	7,636	—526	6·4
Betul	3,019	2,823	—196	6·5
Nimar	7,470	7,974	+504	6·7
Narsinghpur	6,418	6,538	+120	1·8
Chhindwara	4,864	4,230	—634	13·0
Raipur	8,373	8,390	+17	0·2
Bilaspur	5,789	5,803	+14	0·3
Sambalpur	3,988	3,592	—396	9·9
Total ...	* 1,12,965	† 1,11,855	—1,110	0·9

* Includes three suits instituted in the Court of the Commissioner, Nagpur Division.
† Includes one suit instituted in do do. do.

5. These tables show that there has been a slight decrease in the amount of litigation during the year under report, a result which was rendered probable by the considerable increase in 1886. The fluctuations are nowhere remarkable, except perhaps in the case of Balaghat, wh ere the cause assigned for the increase the stimulus applied to creditors by a good harvest. Similarly in the Bhandara district report the increased litigation is ascribed to the prospects towards the close of the year of a good rice crop.

The decrease in Chhindwara is not explained.

Taking the Province as a whole the decrease (which is not quite one per cent) is insignificant, and does not call for further remark.

II.—*Values of suits.*

6. The relative values of suits instituted in 1887 are shown in Table C., and the figures for 1886 and 1887 are contrasted in Table C. 2.

TABLE C.

Grades of value.			Number of suits instituted.	Percentage of total suits.	Average value.
					Rs.
Not exceeding	Rs.	10 ..	28,422	25·0	6
Ditto	"	50 ...	54,531	48·9	25
Ditto	"	100 ..	15,261	14·0	70
Ditto	"	500 ...	11,430	10·2	186
Ditto	"	1,000 ..	1,037	1·5	712
Ditto	"	5,000 ...	604		1,936
Ditto	"	10,000 ...	56		7,318
Exceeding	"	10,000 ...	33		37,010
Number of suits the value of which cannot be estimated.			481	0·4	...
		Total ...	1,11,855	100·0	...

TABLE C. 2.

Grades of value.			Number of suits instituted in 1886.	Number of suits instituted in 1887.	Increase or decrease.	Percentage.
Not exceeding	Rs.	10 ...	30,312	28,422	—1,890	— 6·2
Ditto	"	50 ...	54,836	54,531	—305	— 0·5
Ditto	"	100 ..	14,782	15,261	+479	+ 3·2
Ditto	"	500 ...	11,332	11,430	+98	+ 0·8
Ditto	"	1,000 ...	975	1,037	+62	+ 6·2
Ditto	"	5,000 ...	627	604	—23	— 3·6
Ditto	"	10,000 ...	64	56	— 8	—12·5
Exceeding	"	10,000 ...	37	33	— 4	—10·8
Number of suits the value of which cannot be estimated		...	...	481	+481	...
		Total ...	1,12,965	1,11,855	—1,110	0·9

7. The percentages of the various grades of value show little alteration from year to year. The orders prescribing the separate classification of suits the value of which cannot be estimated were only issued in 1886. Hence 1887 is the first year in which this class of suits appears.

Table D. shows the percentages of Table C. in detail according to districts.

TABLE D.

Districts.	Not exceeding Rs. 10	Not exceeding Rs. 50	Not exceeding Rs. 100.	Not exceeding Rs. 500.	Exceeding Rs. 500.	Value cannot be estimated.
Nagpur ..	29·8	48·1	12·3	8·2	1·0	0·6
Chanda ...	23·8	52·8	12·9	9·3	1·2	...
Bhandara ...	20·3	55·8	13·8	8·6	1·0	0·5
Wardha ...	18·6	47·8	18·0	12·7	1·9	1·0
Balaghat ...	28·6	51·2	10·9	8·1	1·1	0·1
Jubbulpore ...	23·0	48·5	14·0	12·3	2·2	...
Sangor ...	21·3	51·4	14·0	10·6	1·9	0·8
Damoh ...	20·5	49·7	16·7	10·8	1·3	1·0
Seoni ...	24·3	50·9	11·7	11·1	2·0	...
Mandla ...	37·1	51·0	7·2	4·7	...	...
Hoshangabad ...	16·1	43·9	16·5	19·3	4·1	0·1
Betul ...	19·8	48·8	17·0	12·2	1·3	0·9
Narsinghpur ...	14·4	47·1	19·6	16·0	2·9	...
Chhindwara ...	25·9	48·4	16·0	8·4	1·3	...
Nimar ...	22·2	52·3	15·0	8·9	0·7	0·9
Raipur ...	32·2	47·5	11·2	7·9	1·1	...
Sambalpur ...	44·5	40·7	7·7	6·0	0·7	0·4
Bilaspur ...	39·8	45·4	7·9	5·6	1·0	0·3

III.—Description of suits.

8. Table E. shows the distribution of suits under the heads of suits for money or moveable property, suits between landlord and tenant, and title and other suits.

TABLE E.

Description of suits.	Number of suits.	Percentage of total suits.
I.—Suits for money or moveable property ...	94,950	84·9
II.—Suits between landlord and tenant ...	10,460	9·4
III.—Title and other suits ...	6,445	5·7
Total ...	1,11,855	100·

9. Tenancy litigation has increased, while suits of the other two classes are slightly fewer in number. The proportion which the number of suits between landlord and tenant bears to the whole litigation has risen from 8·2 to 9·4.

In Table F. a further specification is given of the suits entered in Class I. of Table E., and the variations as compared with the figures for 1886 are shown.

TABLE F.

Description of suits.	1886.		1887.		Increase or decrease in percentage.
	Number of suits.	Percentage of total suits.	Number of suits.	Percentage of total suits.	
Contract in writing ...	49,820	44·1	49,996	44·7	+·6
Contract not in writing ...	18,727	16·6	18,131	16·2	— 4
On account stated ...	4,079	3·6	4,252	3·8	+ 2
Money had and received ...	923	0·8	775	0·7	—·1
Goods sold .	10,486	9·3	9,289	8·3	—1·0
Wages, work and materials ...	1,164	1·0	1,080	1·0	...
Breach of contract not mentioned above ...	2,813	2·5	2,629	2·3	—·2
Rent not falling under the Rent Law ...	1,059	0·9	924	0·8	—·1
Moveable property or value thereof ...	5,174	4·6	5,081	4·5	—·1
Damages ...	2,885	2·6	2,793	2·5	—·1
Total ...	97,130	86·0	94,950	84·8	—1·2

10. The percentage which each class of suits in this Table bears to the whole litigation remains very much what it was in 1886. The only discrepancy worthy of note is under the head "Goods sold" where the percentage has fallen from 9·3 to 8·3.

Table G. has been prepared to show the classified details of the principal descriptions of suits in Table E., distributed according to districts:—

TABLE G.

Classified details of the principal descriptions of Suits in Table E.

Districts.	Total suits instituted.	For money due.						Moveable property or value thereof.		Damages.		Suits for arrears of rent.		Other suits between landlord and tenants.		Immoveable property.	
		Contract in writing.		Contract not in writing.		Goods sold.											
		Number.	Percentage of suits instituted.	Number.	Percentage of suits instituted.	Number.	Percentage of suits instituted.	Number.	Percentage of suits instituted.	Number.	Percentage of suits instituted	Number.	Percentage of suits instituted.	Number.	Percentage of suits instituted	Number.	Percentage of suits instituted.
Nagpur ...	21,606	11,847	54·9	2,668	12·3	3,333	15·4	510	2·3	347	1·6	966	4·5	84	0·4	536	2·5
Chanda ...	5,097	2,718	53·3	637	12·5	250	4·9	343	6·7	117	2·3	349	6·8	25	0 5	104	2·0
Bhandara ..	6,582	3,908	59·4	1,022	15·5	188	2·8	74	1·1	109	1·7	741	11·2	175	2·7	148	2·3
Wardha ..	7,645	3,502	45 7	862	11·4	565	7·4	688	9·0	136	1·8	483	6·3	43	0·5	231	3·0
Balaghat ...	3,128	1,265	40·5	642	20·5	169	5·4	447	14·3	81	2·5	280	9·0	40	1·2	71	2·4
Jubbulpore ..	7,992	3,920	37 8	1,202	15·0	943	11·8	138	1·8	224	2·8	832	10 4	206	2 5	315	3 9
Saugor ...	5,402	2,299	42·6	1,081	20·1	211	3·9	333	6·2	74	1·4	363	6·7	176	3·2	212	3 8
Dámoh ...	2,805	1,208	43·2	391	13·9	76	2·8	97	3·4	88	3·1	271	9 6	92	3·2	180	6·4
Seoni ...	2,838	1,063	37·5	698	24·6	188	6·6	119	4·2	76	2 6	202	7·1	49	1·8	100	3·5
Mandla ...	1,773	406	23·0	577	32·5	192	10·8	96	5·4	92	5·2	189	10 6	22	1·3	31	1·7
Hoshangabad ...	7,636	3,944	51·7	1,277	16·7	164	2·3	356	4·7	128	1·6	406	5·3	163	2·1	434	5·6
Betul ...	2,823	1,289	45·8	429	15·3	144	5·2	126	4·5	110	3·8	202	7·2	71	2·5	118	4 2
Narsinghpur ..	6,538	3,498	53·5	696	10·6	174	2·7	306	4·7	53	0·9	1,125	17·2	16	0·3	276	4·1
Chhindwara ...	4,230	1,963	46·4	935	22·1	237	5·6	104	2·5	95	2·2	265	6 3	105	2·5	163	3·8
Nimar ...	7,974	4,465	55·9	773	9·6	755	9·4	261	3·3	121	1·5	303	3 8	23	0·5	173	2·2
Raipur ...	8,390	1,710	20·4	1,714	20·4	795	9·5	232	2 8	502	6·0	664	7·9	518	6·2	325	3·8
Sambalpur ...	3,592	918	25·6	1,014	28·2	415	11·5	215	5·8	189	5·3	254	7·1	59	1·6	285	7·9
Bilaspur ..	5,803	973	16·9	1,513	26·2	490	8·4	636	10·9	251	4 3	521	9·0	177	3 0	327	5·5
Total ...	*1,11,855	49,998	44·7	18,131	16·2	9,289	8·3	5,081	4·6	2,793	2·5	8,416	7·5	2,044	1·8	4,029	3 6

*Includes 1 suit instituted in the Court of the Commissioner, Nagpur Division.

TABLE H.

Table H. gives the relative value of the principal descriptions of suits.

Description of suits.	Number.	Percentage of					
		Suits not exceeding				Suits above	Total.
		Rs. 10.	Rs. 50.	Rs. 100.	Rs. 500.	Rs. 500.	
Contract in writing ...	42,996	10·8	56·6	18·6	12·6	1·4	100·
Contract not in writing ...	18,131	41·9	45·2	7·0	5·0	0·9	100
Goods sold ...	9,289	61·1	32·6	3·9	2·3	0·1	100
Moveable property or value thereof ...	5,081	36·1	46·1	9·4	7·6	0·8	100
Damages ...	2,793	26·3	39·7	17·7	13·6	2·7	100.
Arrears of rent ...	8,416	29·9	51·9	11·5	6·5	0·2	100·
Immoveable property ...	4,029	21·3	36·2	15·3	19·4	7·8	100·
	Increase or decrease compared with the results of 1886.						
Contract in writing ...	+176	—0·1	—1·0	+0·7	+0·3	+0·1	
Contract not in writing ...	—596	—2·7	+1·6	+0·8	+0·3	...	
Goods sold ...	—1,197	—2·4	+1·5	+0·3	+0·6	...	
Moveable property or value thereof...	—93	—0·1	—0·3	—0·2	+0·7	—0·1	
Damages ...	—92	—0·1	—4·7	+2·8	+1·5	+0·6	
Arrears of rent ...	+1,249	+0·5	—1·4	—0·3	+1·2	...	
Immoveable property ...	—371	—1·7	+1·3	—0·3	—0·9	+1·7	

11. Perhaps the most remarkable feature of these Tables is the similarity of the amount and character of the litigation of the Province during the two years 1886 and 1887. There has been a very slight increase of suits under the head "contract in writing" accompanied by a larger decrease under the head "contract not in writing. Suits for "goods sold" have decreased considerably, as has been noted above.

12. Tenancy litigation, it was stated in last year's report, grows steadily. The figures for the last two years are :—

	1887.	1886.
Suits for arrears of rent ...	8,416	7,167
Other suits between landlord and tenant.	2,044	2,084
Total ...	10,460	9,251

Thus the number of tenancy suits has increased whilst the total number of suits has declined. The percentage borne by tenancy suits to the whole litigation has been for the past four years 7·2, 8·0, 8·2, 9·4. It would seem therefore that the increase in tenancy suits is not wholly due to causes which affect litigation generally. The increase in 1887 is wholly in suits for arrears of rent; other suits (chiefly for ejectment from or recovery of land) have been fewer. The increase is pretty evenly spread over the districts, being most noticeable in Bhandara (484—741), Jubbulpore (606—832), Narsinghpur (920—1,125), and Bilaspur (363—521). The only district where there is a noticeable difference in the number of other suits between landlord and tenant is Hoshangabad, where these have risen from 87 to 163. The larger number of rent suits is generally ascribed in the reports—and no doubt with justice—to the agricultural distress which was felt in some parts of the Province in 1886, especially in Bhandara and Bilaspur.

The Deputy Commissioner of Hoshangabad attributes the increased number of tenancy cases in his district to the increasing familiarity of the ryots with the provisions of the Tenancy Act and this explanation is supported by the fact that the increase is mainly in the number of suits brought by tenants to recover possession.

C.—General Distribution and Results of trials of Civil Suits by Courts of Original Jurisdiction.

I.—Distribution.

13. The following Table shows how suits disposed of were distributed among the different classes of Courts in the several districts:—

TABLE J.

Distribution of Suits disposed of among different classes of Courts.

Total number of Judges.	8	31	17	51	1	37	18	
Districts.	Small Cause Courts.	Naib Tahsildars.	Munsiffs.	Tahsildars.	Honorary Assistant Commissioners.	Assistant Commissioners and Civil Judges.	Deputy Commissioners.	Total.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Nagpur ...	9,517	1,678	6,957	2,062	...	1,129	3	21,346
Chanda ...	...	2,728	...	1,782	...	484	2	4,996
Bhandara ...	...	3,868	...	1,921	...	736	5	6,530
Wardha ...	...	...	5,707	1,294	...	707	...	7,708
Balaghat ...	..	1,854	...	741	..	422	1	3,018
Jubbulpore ...	3,638	1,766	...	1,676	...	832	15	7,927
Saugor ...	148	1,534	1,453	1,232	...	787	9	5,163
Damoh ...	...	1,032	...	1,279	...	418	3	2,732
Seoni ...	...	1,763	...	648	...	399	17	2,827
Mandla ...	...	804	...	715	...	219	...	1,738
Hoshangabad ...	...	1,495	3,483	1,847	...	945	7	7,777
Betul ...	...	1,405	...	975	...	421	12	2,813
Narsinghpur ...	...	...	4,562	700	...	1,122	15	6,399
Chhindwara ...	...	2,619	...	1,176	...	522	21	4,338
Nimar ...	34	3,680	2,204	1,232	57	786	1	7,994
Raipur ...	...	4,043	2,046	1,549	...	1,257	1	8,896
Sambalpur ...	...	1,157	1,410	317	...	516	6	3,406
Bilaspur ...	...	3,641	229	1,251	...	555	5	5,681
Total... 1887...	13,337	35,067	28,051	22,397	57	12,257	123	111,289
Total... 1886...	13,826	34,319	27,054	22,249	...	13,381	177	111,007
Percentage ... 1887...	12·0	31·5	25·2	20·1	0·1	11·0	0·1	100
Percentage ... 1886...	12·5	30·9	24·4	20·0	...	12·1	0·1	100
Percentage ... 1885...	11·5	45·0	6·3	25·4	...	11·6	0·2	100
Percentage ... 1884...	11·2	48·0	...	29·3	...	11·3	0·2	100
Percentage ... 1883...	12·2	47·6	...	28·2	...	11·7	0·3	100

This table shows that 68·7 per cent of the whole litigation was disposed of by the Small Cause Courts, the Naib-Tahsildars and the Munsiffs, in all 56 Courts, Deputy Commissioners have disposed of 123 cases only as against 177 in 1886. Tahsildars have disposed of practically the same amount of business this year, whilst Assistant Commissioners and Civil Judges have had somewhat less to do.

14. The following Table gives the institution of suits in the various Courts according to values :—

TABLE K.

Institution of Suits in the various Courts according to value.

Judges		Registrars of Courts of Small Causes.	Judges of Courts of Small Causes.	Naib Tahsildars.	Tahsildars and Munsiffs	Assistant and Extra-Assistant Commissioners including Civil Judges.	Deputy Commissioners	Total.
Number of Judges.		2	6	31	68	38	18	163
Grades of value of suits.	Total No. of suits instituted.	Percentage of suits instituted in the Courts of each class of Judge.						
Not exceeding Rs. 10	28,422	15·8	44·2	34·7	5·3	...	100·	
Do. 50	54,531	11·6	41·4	41·9	5·1	...	100·	
Do. 100	15,261	9·4	...	80·3	10·3	...	100·	
Do. 500	11,430	10·3	...	51·5	38·1	0·1	100	
Do. 1,000	1,037	6·7	...	...	92·9	0·4	100·	
Do. 5,000	604	0·0	...	...	90·6	9·4	100·	
Do. 10,000	56	...	...	...	39·3	60·7	100·	
Exceeding 10,000	33	...	...	...	27·3	72·7	100·	
No. of suits the value of which cannot be estimated.	481	...	...	...	99·2	0·8	100·	
All grades ...	1,11,855	12·2	31·4	45·4	10·9	0·1	100·	

15. The general results of the trials of suits disposed of are shown below :—

TABLE L.

Results.	Number of suits	Proportion per cent in 1887.	Corresponding proportion in			
			1886.	1885.	1884.	1883.
Plaints rejected or returned ..	764	0·7	0·7	0·7	0·7	0·6
Transferred to other Districts or Small Cause Courts' jurisdiction ...	...	...	...	...	...	..
(a).—*Disposed of without contest.*						
Dismissed for default ..	20,280	18·2	18·4	18·9	19·1	18·9
Withdrawn with leave ..	1,158	1·0	1·0	1·0	1·0	1·2
Compromised ..	11,226	10·1	10·7	10·7	11·5	12·2
Decreed on confession ...	24,539	22·0	21·8	21 0	21·5	22·6
Decreed *ex parte* ..	20,550	18·5	17·4	16 5	16 3	16·4
Dismissed *ex parte* ...	1,189	1·1	0·9	0·8	1·0	0 9
Total uncontested ...	78,942	70·9	70 2	68·9	70·4	72·2
(b).—*Contested and judgment given for*						
Plaintiff in whole ...	13,900	12·5	12·7	12 7	12·0	11·5
Ditto in part ..	9,507	8·6	9·0	9·3	9 1	8·7
Defendant in whole ..	8,178	7·3	7·3	8 4	7 8	7 3
Total contested ..	31,585	28·4	29·0	30·4	28·9	27·2

This Table shows that a slightly larger proportion of the cases disposed of was uncontested. Dismissals for default show a smaller proportion than last year or than for any of the last 4 years. The percentage of cases compromised shows a slight decrease. Cases decreed on confession, decreed *ex-parte* and dismissed *ex-parte* all show a slightly higher proportion. In contested cases the results were proportionately very much what they were in 1886.

In last year's Report the Judicial Commissioner recorded at some length his opinion on the procedure of the Courts in dismissing cases in default. The experience of last year confirms his opinion that mistakes and illegalities are not more frequently committed in this respect, than in respect of suits otherwise disposed of. There are still indications that the Courts are too ready to accept the plaintiff's excuse for non-appearance. There is also traceable in the Quarterly returns, a good deal of confusion about the meaning of the term

ex-parte, and it has been necessary to explain in several instances that it is only in the case of the absence of a defendant that a suit is dealt with in this manner.

16. The number of suits pending at the end of the year was 10,385, as against 9,820 at the close of 1886. The numbers shown as pending over 2 and 3 months respectively are 601 and 168; the corresponding numbers at the end of 1886 were 651 and 364. Thus, although the total is larger the number of old cases—and this is the important point—is smaller. There is a heavy pending file (1,944) in Nagpur. But Bhandara shows the worst returns. Here of a total of 928 cases, 284 are shown as pending over 2 months and 22 over 3 months. No allusion to the subject is made in the District Report. But the Judicial Commissioner observes from the District Statements that 293 of these cases and 203 of those pending over 2 months, were pending in the Court of the Naib Tahsildar of Bhandara, and an explanation has been called for.

17. The provincial durations and average number of hearings in contested and uncontested cases are contrasted below:—

		1886	1887
Duration of suits ...	Contested ...	46·5	51·7
	Uncontested ...	30·0	32·9
Average number of hearings ...	Contested ...	3·2	3·5
	Uncontested ...	1·9	2·0

For these unsatisfactory results, the three districts of Wardha, Bhandara and Raipur are mainly responsible. In Wardha the average duration of contested cases in the three Courts of the Assistant Commissioner was 102·4 and of uncontested cases 50·6; and the average number of hearings in these Courts was 4·2 in contested and 2·3 in uncontested cases. The averages reached by the four Courts of the Assistant Commissioner at Raipur were:—

Duration in ...	Contested cases ...	107
	Uncontested „ ...	64
Average number of hearings in ...	Contested cases ...	5
	Uncontested „ ...	2

The Deputy Commissioner, Raipur, gives at length the causes which, in his opinion, account for the tardy disposal of work in his district. He says:—

"The special causes which affect the prompt disposal of suits in this district are:—

(1.) Its very large area.

(2.) Frequent changes of officers.

(3.) The necessity in the present state of village papers of local enquiries in Tenancy suits.

(4.) Frequent absence of Tahsildars in executive duties in the interior of their charges.

(5.) Delay in the service of processes in the neighbouring Native States."

The Judicial Commissioner has discussed the special question of the disposal of business by the Raipur Courts, and the general question of long durations and repeated hearings in the Reports of the last two years. It may be doubted whether the Raipur Judges were in 1887 equal to the work of the Raipur Courts. The staff is stronger now, and if it remains at its present strength better results may be expected.

18. The number of Commissions issued by the Courts was as follows :—

		1886.	1887
For local investigation	...	858	1,007
For examination of accounts	...	247	203

The Raipur commissions for local investigation were discussed in last year's Report. In 1887 no fewer than 477 commissions of this kind were issued by the Raipur Courts, 107 were issued in Sambalpur, and Nagpur comes next with 58. The number of commissions for examination of accounts is, as might be expected, largest where mercantile transactions are heaviest, *i. e.* in Nagpur, Wardha and Hoshangabad. There is still too great a tendency to issue a commission whenever account books are produced in Court ; but such commissions for examination of accounts are already fewer in number, and better results in this respect may be anticipated next year.

19. References to arbitration grow fewer year by year. A number of cases are referred to arbitration which have to be taken up afresh and decided on the merits by the Judge, on account of the dilatory nature of the arbitrators' proceedings. This is one of the prevalent causes of long durations. The number of cases decided on special oath was the same in 1886 and 1887, *i. e.* 406. Cases in which improper oaths are administered are now rare.

20. The figures showing the number of cases in which the Court directed that the costs or any part of the costs of a winning plaintiff should not follow the event, show a very marked improvement during the last 3 years :—

1885.	1886.	1887
1,729	840	401

The improvement is due in part to more correct classification, but in the main it is owing to the appreciation by the Courts of the fact that costs should follow the event except in the case of substantial grounds to the contrary.

In Raipur, again, for the third year in succession, no order of this kind was passed. The explanation given is simply that no cases arose in which it was not expedient that the costs should follow the result of the suit. The number of suits disposed of in the district during the year was 8,896, and the explanation cannot therefore be accepted as correct.

21. Cases in which payment by instalments was decreed have decreased as shown below :—

1885.	1886.	1887.
3,783	3,143	2,866

There is reason to believe that in the great majority of instances these decrees were acquiesced in by the plaintiffs concerned.

E.—Appellate Business.

22. The following table compares the number of first appeals in 1886 and 1887 :—

TABLE M.

Appeals to Commissioners and Deputy Commissioners.

	Courts of Commissioners.		Courts of Deputy Commissioners.		Courts of Civil Judges		Total		Percentage of appeals to appealable Cases.	
	1886.	1887.	1886.	1887.	1886.	1887.	1886.	1887.	1886.	1887.
From decrees of ordinary Civil Courts ..	283	262	3,633	3,295	1,834	2,016	5,750	5,573	...	...
From orders ...	50	44	241	243	85	138	376	425	...	...
Total ...	333	306	3,874	3,538	1,919	2,154	6,126	5,998	20·8	20·2

The number of first appeals instituted during the year again shows a decrease—although the decrease is a very small one. Both Commissioners and Deputy Commissioners had fewer appeals to decide whilst Civil Judges had rather more appellate work than in 1886.

23. The results of appeals first and second is shown in the following table :—

TABLE N.

Disposal of Appeals.

Courts.	Confirmed without notice to respondent		Dismissed in default.		Remanded for retrial.		Decree of Lower Courts.						Total disposed of.
							Modified.		Reversed.		Confirmed.		
	Number.	Percentage of total appeals	No.	Percentage of total appeals	No.	Percentage of total appeals.	No.	Percentage of total appeals	No.	Percentage of total appeals.	No.	Percentage of total appeals.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Court of the Judicial Commissioner ..	242	36·8	12	1·8	40	6·0	57	8·7	94	14 3	213	32·4	658
Courts of the Commisioner—													
Nagpur ...	2	2·0	3	3·0	3	3·0	26	25·7	17	16·8	50	49·5	101
Jubbulpore ...	1	1·7	4	7·0	5	8·8	3	5 3	14	24·6	30	52·6	57
Nerbudda ...	...	...	4	3 4	4	3·4	32	27·1	14	11·9	64	54·2	118
Chhattisgarh ...	5	12·5	..	...	7	17·5	2	5·0	6	15·0	20	50·0	40
Total ...	8	2·5	11	3·5	19	6·0	63	20·0	51	16·1	164	51·9	316
District Appellate Courts.													
Nagpur ...	3	0 7	16	3 9	22	5·3	37	8·9	92	22 2	245	59·0	415
Chanda ...	24	9·0	24	9·0	9	3·4	49	18 4	33	12 5	127	47·7	266
Bhandara ...	25	11 3	16	7·2	10	4·5	31	14·1	46	20 8	93	42 1	221
Wardha ...	75	15·7	12	2·5	11	2·3	79	16·6	111	23 3	188	39·6	476
Balaghat ..	18	10·5	16	9 4	...	..	17	10·1	32	18 8	87	51·2	170
Jubbulpore ...	64	19·0	27	8·0	7	2·1	19	5·6	60	18·0	159	47·3	336
Saugor ...	52	26·0	24	12·0	16	8·0	19	9 5	26	13·0	63	31·5	200
Damoh ...	104	54·5	15	7·8	9	4·7	13	6·8	33	17·3	17	8·9	193
Seoni ...	44	23·3	7	3·7	17	8·9	18	9·5	31	16·4	72	38·2	181
Mandla ...	11	19·0	5	8·6	...	...	3	5·3	6	10·3	33	56 8	59
Hoshangabad ..	28	4·5	48	7·7	83	13·3	87	14 0	123	19·8	254	40·7	628
Betul ...	58	22·4	13	5·0	28	10·8	28	10·8	49	18 9	83	32·1	259
Narsinghpur ...	17	3·6	25	5·3	29	6·1	41	8·5	105	21·9	262	54·6	479
Chhindwara ...	29	10 5	15	5·4	7	2·6	18	6·5	54	19·6	153	55·4	276
Nimar ...	32	10·1	13	4·1	9	2·9	27	8·5	47	14·8	189	59 6	317
Raipur ...	35	6·6	69	12·9	58	10·7	50	9 3	80	14·8	246	45 7	538
Sambalpur ...	...	..	13	5·7	11	4·9	27	12·0	36	15 9	139	61·5	226
Bilaspur ...	82	29·6	12	4·3	11	4·0	22	8·0	45	16·2	105	37·9	277
Total ...	701	12·7	370	6 7	337	6 1	585	10 6	1,009	18 3	2,515	45·6	5,517
Grand Total ...	951	14·7	393	6·0	396	6·1	705	10·9	1,154	17·8	2,892	44·5	6,491

24. The Judicial Commissioner's Civil Appellate work was not so heavy as in 1886. The total number of Civil appeals disposed of by this Court was 658 as against 822 in 1886. Of these, 597 were special, and 61 miscellaneous appeals. In addition to this 171 applications for revision under Section 622 of the Code of Civil Procedure were dealt with by the Court.

There is very little difference in the results of the appeals decided by the Judicial Commissioner. In 1886—28·6 per cent, in 1887, 29 per cent of the appellants were more or less successful. In the Divisional Courts of appeal the percentage was 42·1 as compared with 38·5 in 1886, and in the District Courts of appeal the percentage was 35 as against 34·8 for each of the two preceding years.

In the Court of the Commissioner, Nerbudda Division, and the District Court of Sambalpur no appeals were decided without issue of notice to the respondent. It cannot be supposed that no one of the 226 appeals decided in Sambalpur (nearly seventy per cent of which were eventually dismissed) could not properly have been decided without issuing notice to the respondent. Similarly in Nagpur in only 3 out of 415 cases was the respondent not called on to appear. The other extreme was reached in Damoh, where the respondent was not called on in 104 cases out of a total of 191. It is not of course possible to lay down any hard and fast rule in the matter for any class of Courts, but it seems clear that in the District Appellate Courts of Nagpur, Hoshangabad, Narsinghpur, Raipur and Sambalpur a freer use of the provisions of Section 551 of the Civil Procedure Code would result in prompter disposal of appeals with less trouble to the parties, whilst in Damoh greater discrimination seems to be called for.

25. The average duration of appeals both regular and miscellaneous increased considerably in District Courts, while it decreased both in the Courts of Commissioners and in that of the Judicial Commissioner. The total number of appeals tried by Deputy Commissioners and Civil Judges was 6,592 as against 5,793, and the average duration increased from 35·6 to 43 2 in regular appeals, and from 28·4 to 33·2 in miscellaneous appeals. In the Courts of Commissioners, where the amount of business was considerably less, the average duration in regular appeals fell from 136·1 to 121·5, and that in miscellaneous appeals from 123·2 to 120 6. This latter figure is entirely due to the excessive duration (184 6) reached in the Nerbudda Divisional Court. No explanation is given in the Divisional Report. In the Judicial Commissioner's Court the durations were 109 5 in regular, and 98·7 in miscellaneous, appeals against 131·78 and 118·6 in the preceding year. This is due to the smaller number of cases pending at the opening of the year. The institutions of special appeals in the two years were nearly equal in number, being 613 in 1886 and 626 in 1887. The pending file at the close of 1885 numbered 353 special appeals against 210 at the close of 1886.

F.—Execution of Decrees.

26. The action of the Courts in execution of decrees may be summarized thus:—The number of applications which came before the Courts was 82,575, of which 9,969 were pending at the close of the year. Satisfaction in full was obtained in 17,823 cases, and in part in 15,314, while 36,424 applications were wholly infructuous. The amount realized by process was Rs. 12,34,313, and the amount realized without process was Rs. 25,105. In 599 cases the judgment debtor was imprisoned, and in 2,801 cases he was arrested but not imprisoned. The percentage of complete and partial realizations was 47·6, against 49 in the two preceding years. The percentage of wholly infructuous applications exceeded 50 per cent in the following districts:—

Nagpur with a percentage of		54·9
Chanda	ditto	54·3
Bhandara	ditto	61·2
Wardha	ditto	61·2
Hoshangabad	ditto	52·8
Betul	ditto	52 1
Sambalpur	ditto	50·3
Nimar	ditto	57·6
Narsinghpur	ditto	53·3

In the case of Sambalpur the causes assigned are the prevalence of cholera, and the partial failure of the rice crop: in Bhandara also the distressed condition of the cultivators is made responsible for the figures. In the other District reports no special factor is alleged to have been at work. The Deputy Commissioner of Hoshangabad is probably right in stating that more direct personal action on the part of Judges is required. There is so much work to be done in most of our Courts that it is probable that sufficient attention is not paid to the execution of decrees. There is however reason to think that the practice of making formal applications for execution which are not proceeded with prevails in some districts more than in others and increases the percentage of infructuous applications in those districts.

27. The statistics of arrest and imprisonment do not call for special remark. The figures are nearly identical with those of 1886, and as the number of applications is somewhat larger, the proportions are somewhat lower. The largest numbers of persons were arrested in Nagpur (410), Jubbulpore (316), and Nimar (355); and the largest number imprisoned (117) was reached in Nagpur. The proportion of persons imprisoned to persons arrested was high in Narsinghpur (50 to 110) and Sambalpur (50 to 109), that is in the same districts as in the preceding year. But in both cases the proportion is lower.

28. As the new scale of process fees was only in force for the last three months of 1886, it is not possible to compare the results as shown in Statement VIII. of the two years. It will be sufficient to note that the grand total of fees levied amounted to Rs. 2,16,286-10-0, while the total charges included in Statement VIII. (comprizing pay of Naib-Nazirs and peons, and contingencies) amounted to Rs. 78,270. The Sale Amin system did not at first work very smoothly, but now that a regular *halkabandi* is being introduced into many of the more important districts, better results are being attained.

G.—Work done by Officers.

29. The following tables O to S. are comparative statements showing the work done year by year in the various Courts of the Province :—

TABLE O.

Work done by the Judicial Commissioner.

Special appeals					Miscellaneous Appeals.					Applications under Section 622, C. C. P.				
1883	1884	1885	1886	1887	1883	1884	1885	1886	1887	1883	1884	1885	1886	1887
475	501	441	756	597	36	36	42	66	61	142	161	195	143	171

TABLE P.

Work done by Commissioners.

Courts.	Regular Appeals.					Miscellaneous Appeals.				
	1883	1884	1885	1886	1887	1883	1884	1885	1886	1887
Commissioner of Nagpur ..	79	100	12	73	98	4	4	...	...	3
Commissioner of Jubbulpore ...	23	87	199	128	49	...	13	18	13	8
Commissioner of Nerbudda ..	20	65	218	131	98	3	6	19	16	20
Commissioner of Chhattisgarh ..	33	74	123	24	35	5	16	8	9	5
Additional Commissioner, Nagpur, Nerbudda and Jubbulpore Divisions ...	384	310	...	...	...	48	21	...	..	...
Total ...	539	636	562	356	280	60	60	45	38	36

TABLE Q.

Work done by Deputy Commisioners.

Districts.	Original suits					Miscellaneous suits.					Execution cases					Insolvency cases					Regular appeals					Miscellaneous appeals.				
	1883	1884	1885	1886	1887	1883	1884	1885	1886	1887	1883	1884	1885	1886	1887	1883	1884	1885	1886	1887	1883	1884	1885	1886	1887	1883	1884	1885	1886	1887
Nagpur ...	1	10	1	2	3	..	5	6	1	..	.	4	2	3	7						185	116	124	173	176	10	5	9	23	18
Chanda ...	7	8	..	..	2	8	14	22	11	12	13	12	6	2	..	10	5	10	7	...	93	86	261	211	255	2	8	5	3	11
Bhandara ..	11	11	3	4	5	19	5	1	2	1	21	24	6	5	11	11	11	5	6	10	167	224	281	237	211	18	13	14	12	10
Wardha ...	4	9	13	5	..	2	9	3	6	2	3	5	2	3	3	.	.		..		132	163	71	153	134	8	11	6	12	12
Balaghat ..	1	3	20	10	1	49	6	27	13	10	1	4	11	20	10	2	2	3	3	4	87	110	265	170	168	1	2	10	4	2
Jubbulpore ...	8	8	20	12	15	11	18	11	14	18	19	26	31	35	15	.	.	...	1	.	165	249	231	131	117	2	5	9	9	15
Sauger ...	5	5	1	11	9	.	2	2	10	7	9	6	4	13	8		.	.		10	16	245	383	245	187	11	24	21	42	13
Damoh ...	17	11	9	3	3	8	6	2	7	18	6	1	7	5	3	2	2	2	4	2	13	134	208	223	181	4	3	3	5	10
Seoni ...	36	27	42	26	17	5	9	7	5	6	14	19	18	28	24	.	1	2	8	4	8	143	185	188	173	2	.		8	16
Mandla ..	9	4	10	5	.	2	..	..		..	12	6	7	11	5	1	1	1	2	8	17	16	46	38	54	..			2	4
Hoshangabad .	..	1	3	14	7	.	..	..	1	..	5	..	...	10	3	.	.	6			190	59	300	161	197	19	3	20	4	20
Betul ...	22	15	19	15	12	14	11	9	17	2	26	18	24	19	24	.	.	1	6	1	181	224	262	246	237	..	2	7	5	22
Narsinghpur ..	18	11	1	22	15	8	2	6	21	7	30	8	..	12	24		.	.	4	..	305	435	506	161	149	33	29	62	16	15
Chhindwara ..	15	21	15	26	21	1	21	19	15	14	21	13	25	18	29	4	5	1	1		171	180	261	253	263	7	11	13	8	13
Nimar ..	15	6	1	1	1	60	45	31	..	..	17	11	..	9	14	7	18	12	4	.	204	237	245	386	307	9	17	12	15	10
Raipur ..	8	13	8	6	1	40	2		.	10	9	9	7	6	3	1	.	1	.	..	327	310	247	245	205	8	19	22	24	27
Sambalpur ...	33	21	29	11	6	58	35	20	20	4	20	32	6	1	4	7	16	9	6		291	219	240	161	61	3	7	11	10	1
Bilaspur ...	12	28	45	4	5	15	2	13	4	2	6	12	20	10	3	1	3	4	1	5	109	149	203	264	246	4	2	8	20	6
Total	222	212	240	177	123	306	192	179	147	113	230	220	176	210	190	46	64	57	53	44	3,051	3,329	4,319	3,646	3,321	141	161	232	222	225

TABLE R

Work done by Assistant and Extra-Assistant Commissioners

Districts.	Original Suits					Miscellaneous Suits					Execution cases					Insolvency cases					Regular appeals					Miscellaneous appeals.				
	1883	1884	1885	1886	1887	1883	1884	1885	1886	1887	1883	1884	1885	1886	1887	1883	1884	1885	1886	1887	1883	1884	1885	1886	1887	1883	1884	1885	1886	1887
Nagpur	1 165	1,354	1,072	1 133	1 129	281	239	148	10[illegible]	179	1,8[illegible]0	1 66	1 486	1 300	1,123	25	49	65	68	51	198	269	359	260	211	5	11	15	15	10
Chanda	733	538	536	411	434	118	113	131	9[illegible]	107	581	590	602	528	428			-		6						-	-			
Bhandara	1,103	705	675	723	736	193	179	112	150	124	959	1 017	8[illegible]9	808	76[illegible]															
Wardha	5[illegible]8	591	874	1 536	70[illegible]	206	176	331	306	14	611	473	690	935	77[illegible]	19	9	14	15	18	232	152	338	302	314	16	12	14	9	16
Balaghat	317	329	454	314	422	1[illegible]	55	61	59	59	242	2[illegible]9	36[illegible]	321	355											-				-
Jubbulpore	52[illegible]	6[illegible]4	957	673	832	5	49	100	122	104	352	394	560	524	580	23	26	28	22	26			193	253	197			0	1	7
Saugor	540	691	764	642	787	90	119	112	111	72	534	607	566	595	561			4	4											
Damoh	2[illegible]6	300	342	469	418	9	18	18	23	46	201	182	189	236	2[illegible]0													-		-
Seoni	216	318	378	434	390	31	58	81	71	85	223	202	306	375	370															
Mandla	215	163	2[illegible]7	240	219	9	2	5	38	38	111	117	137	144	1[illegible]3															-
Hoshangabad	909	917	1,205	941	94[illegible]	152	76	109	68	78	1 060	942	1,061	875	997	22	20		9	2	156	299	234	295	376	4	10	6	3	30
Betul	334	286	370	545	471	64	76	80	109	86	192	199	340	434	288			-												
Narsinghpur	692	751	951	1 085	1,122	55	79	61	56	93	576	591	727	750	934		4	8	17	26			12	31[illegible]	259				23	26
Chhindwara	462	522	619	591	522	44	58	63	45	54	329	393	426	43[illegible]	402	-										-				
Nimar	700	796	785	1,186	786	129	118	179	249	154	1 063	81[illegible]	917	994	866			14	18	20									-	-
Raipur	802	1 007	949	1 09[illegible]	1,2[illegible]7	56	58	61	70	102	446	543	418	551	541	2	7	10	12	15		67	178	275	278			11	26	28
Sambalpur	428	581	630	58[illegible]	516	83	106	84	34	37	221	281	321	326	222				4	8		104		10[illegible]	159				3	5
Bilaspur	3[illegible]9	692	485	583	555	21	31	[illegible]	51	40	260	325	263	286	290								-		25					-
Total	10,3[illegible]4	11 195	12,303	13 381	12 2[illegible]7	1,563	1 610	1 79[illegible]	1 769	1,600	10,211	9 594	10,234	10,417	9 915	91	115	143	169	177	586	891	1,209	1,80[illegible]	1 849	25	33	53	80	122

TABLE S.

Work done by Tahsildars, Munsiffs and Naib Tahsildars.

Districts.	Original Suits.					Miscellaneous Suits.					Execution Cases				
	1883	1884.	1885	1886	1887.	1883	1884	1885	1886	1887	1883	1884	1885	1886	1887
Nagpur ..	7,906	9,085	10,007	10,426	10,697	780	635	791	871	1,068	6,243	7,041	8,315	8,966	9,210
Chanda ..	3,171	4,473	4,360	4,570	4,510	263	358	562	659	630	2,141	2,420	2,981	3,255	3,239
Bhandara ..	3,795	5,772	5,628	4,886	5,789	323	542	537	448	581	2,085	2,677	2,931	2,924	3 602
Wardha ..	6,153	6,787	7,777	7,024	7,001	746	683	1,053	1,081	906	4,490	4,726	5,727	6,240	6,017
Balaghat ..	1,722	2,326	2,371	2,176	2,595	71	118	145	148	198	920	1,389	1,658	1,651	1,528
Jubbulpore ..	2,340	2,911	3,492	3,648	3,442	52	74	80	106	142	1,048	1,465	1,440	1,501	1,673
Saugor ..	3,506	3,605	4,273	4,320	4,219	236	167	266	340	304	1,843	1,804	2,120	2,440	2,440
Damoh ..	2,025	1,778	2,101	2,357	2,311	147	105	165	159	143	585	679	841	897	1,207
Seoni ..	1,578	1,623	2,033	2,526	2 411	68	77	53	116	131	697	741	869	1,148	1,213
Mandla ..	743	733	977	1,361	1,519	18	13	29	25	29	137	209	226	372	495
Hoshangabad ...	6,659	6,505	7,007	6,837	6,825	391	419	492	467	444	3,962	4,177	4,445	4,645	4,503
Betul ..	1,842	2,470	2,623	2,433	2,380	136	243	312	219	228	1,167	1,443	1,396	1,368	1,383
Narsinghpur ..	4,691	4,937	5,143	5,168	5,262	185	165	185	204	155	3,113	3,993	4,131	3,990	3,863
Chhindwara ..	3,170	3,372	3,629	4,150	3,795	117	207	220	182	228	1,750	2,227	2,425	2,498	2,644
Nimar ...	6,008	7,051	6,973	6,116	7,116	306	439	469	541	493	3,168	4,499	4,736	4,658	4,772
Raipur ..	5,078	6,182	5,451	6,977	7,638	122	153	146	75	150	2,366	2,764	2,526	2,828	3,212
Sambalpur ..	3,163	3,871	3,292	3,343	2,884	116	198	104	117	84	1,006	1,461	1,426	1,245	1,183
Bilaspur ...	3,359	3,439	3,994	5,304	5,121	46	108	128	162	183	937	1,092	1,236	1,545	1,634
Total ..	66,909	76,922	81,130	83,622	85,515	4,123	4,704	5,767	5,900	6,103	37,666	44,807	49,429	52,261	53,818

These tables show that a good deal has been done of late years to relieve Commissioners and Deputy Commissioners of Civil Judicial work. The Civil Judges have on the whole disposed of their appellate work fairly well.

30. The office of Judicial Commissioner was held by Mr. R. J. Crosthwaite throughout the year. Mr. Crosthwaite inspected in 1887 the following districts :—

Raipur.	Narsinghpur.
Bhandara.	Saugor.
Wardha.	Damoh.
Nimar.	Jubbulpore.
Hoshangabad.	

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

A. C. DUFF,

Registrar.

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STATEMENTS.

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. I.—(Civil and Criminal)

Statement showing the number of Judicial Divisions and the number of Officers exercising Appellate or Original jurisdiction in the Central Provinces, on the last day of the year 1887 with the cost of Tribunals.

Name of Province		Area	Population	Number of Divisions for Courts under Chief Courts, but superior to Chief Courts of Districts	Number of Districts	Number of Sub Districts	Total number of officers exercising original or appellate jurisdiction: Judges of Chief Court of Provinces	Judges of other Courts superior to Chief District Courts	Judges of Chief Courts of District	Judges of District Courts other than Chief Courts	Judges of other subordinate Courts	Total number of cases decided: Original: Regular	Original: Miscellaneous	Appeals: Regular	Appeals: Miscellaneous	Total receipts of the Courts	Total charges of the Courts
1		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Central Provinces	Territory subject to the High Court: Civil and Revenue	84,445	98 38 791	4	18	50	1	4	18	38	107	1,11 291	8,317	6,051	444	10,39,341	12,46 007
	Territory subject to the High Court: Criminal									42	155	23,876	919	2 571	69		
	Ditto not subject to the High Court: Civil and Revenue													...	..		
	Ditto not subject to the High Court: Criminal													.			..
	Total	84 445	98,38 791	4	18	50	1	4	18	42	201	1,35,167	9,236	8 622	513	10,39,341	12,46,007

NOTE —Number of European and Native Judicial Officers exercising Appellate or Original jurisdiction.

The Civil Courts are those described in Act XVI of 1885 On the Criminal side District Officers are included with 1st Class Magistrates,

CIVIL

Naib Tahsildars		Munsiffs		Judges of Small Cause Courts		Registrars of Small Cause Courts		Courts of																					
								Tahsildars				Assistant Commissioners										Civil Judges.	
								1st Class		2nd Class		1st Class.		2nd Class		3rd Class							
Euro	Natives	Euro	Natives	Europeans	Natives	European	Natives	Euro	Natives	Euro	Natives.	Euro	Natives,	Euro	Natives	Euro	Natives					Euro	Natives,
0	31	0	17	6	0	0	2	0	41	0	10	2	6	3	14	0	4					0	9

Deputy Commissioners		Commissioners		Judicial Commissioner	
Euro	Natives	Euro	Natives	Euro	Natives
18	0	4	0	1	0

CRIMINAL

High Court Judges		Sessions Judges		Magistrates.									
				1st Class.		2nd Class		3rd Class		Cantonment Magistrates	
Euro	Natives	Euro	Natives	Euro	Natives	Euro	Natives	Euro	Natives	Euro	Natives
1	0	4	0	25	29	4	97	2	49	4	0

* The total columns 7 to 11 show the actual number of individuals as required As the same officer has in some (but not in all) cases both Civil and Criminal powers, the figure total of columns 10 and 11 are higher than totals shown.

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 7.—(Civil).

Statement showing the number and description of Civil Suits instituted in the Civil Courts in the Central Provinces, in the year 1887.

Class of Tribunals.	Suits for money or moveable property.										Suits between landlord and tenant.						Title and other suits.																		
	Contract in writing.	Contract not in writing.	On account stated.	Money had and received.	Goods sold.	Wages, work and materials.	Breach of contract not mentioned above.	Rent not falling under the Rent Law.	Moveable property or the value thereof.	Damages.	Suits for ejectment.	Suits for recovery of possession.	Suits for arrears of rent.	Suits for recovery of a penalty for the levy of anything in excess of rent by a landlord	Suits for recovering penalty from a landlord for refusing a receipt or giving a defective receipt.	All other suits between landlord and tenant not included above.	Suits for immoveable property.	Suits for declaratory decrees.	Other suits under the Specific Relief Act.	Suits to declare and establish rights to real property, including pre-emption, foreclosure, &c.	Suits to declare and establish personal rights.	Suits for an account.	Suits relating to religious endowments.	Suits to set aside judgments, contracts or obligations on the ground of fraud.	Suits for dissolution of marriage.	Suits for enforcement of matrimonial rights.	Suits for partitions.	Suits relating to shipping.	Suits relating to religion and caste.	Administration suits.	Interpleader suits.	Dissolution of partnership.	Suits under Section 261, Act X. of 1865 (also Lincto Will Act).	Other suits not falling under any of the previous heads.	Grand Total.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																																			
I.—Civil Courts.																																			
Unpaid Tribunals ...	40	4	8	...	...	1	...	...	2	3	3	1	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	70
Village Courts ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Paid Sub-Divisional Tribunals ...	40,299	15,986	3,128	645	5,848	860	2,531	689	4,736	2,278	...	...	8,199	1	...	3	722	...	...	58	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	85,983
Small Cause Courts ...	6,720	1,689	771	60	3,411	214	63	215	90	259	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	13,488
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts ...	2,903	450	336	69	30	5	44	20	251	249	800	1,207	216	1	2	23	3,268	316	306	1,176	15	30	...	66	8	279	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	26	12,183
Chief Courts of Districts ...	34	3	6	1	...	...	1	...	2	4	3	...	1	...	...	...	35	10	3	20	...	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	3	131
Total ...	49,996	18,131	4,257	775	9,289	1,080	2,629	924	5,081	2,793	806	1,208	8,416	2	2	26	4,029	406	309	1,258	15	32	...	68	8	279	7	...	...	...	4	1	...	29	1,11,855
II.—Revenue Courts.																																			
Unpaid Local Tribunals ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other Subordinate Courts ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
District Courts ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY OR SEAT OF GOVERNMENT.																																			
Presidency Small Cause Courts ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Superior Courts ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Grand Total ...	49,996	18,131	4,252	775	9,289	1,080	2,629	924	5,081	2,793	806	1,208	8,416	2	2	26	4,029	406	309	1,258	15	32	...	68	8	279	7	...	...	...	4	1	...	29	1,11,855

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 8.—(Civil.)

Statement showing number and value of suits instituted in the Civil and Revenue Courts in the Central Provinces in the year 1887.

Value of Suits.	Number of suits instituted in the different Courts.									Total value of suits.	Remarks.
	Not exceeding Rs 10.	Ditto Rs. 50.	Ditto Rs. 100.	Ditto Rs 500.	Ditto Rs 1,000	Ditto Rs 5000	Ditto Rs. 10,000	Exceeding Rs 10,000	Number of suits the value of which cannot be estimated in money.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR											
I.—Civil Courts											
Unpaid Tribunals	2	7	...	61	...	..	...	...	...	10,671	
Village Courts	...	...	...	..	.	...	...	...	...		
Paid Sub Divisional Tribunals	22,440	45,406	12,250	5,887	...	.	...	...	..	30,53,749	
Small Cause Courts	4,460	6,337	1,445	1,177	69	.	...	...	..	5,55,988	
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts	1,518	2,780	1,565	4,298	963	547	22	9	477	33 23,083	
Chief Courts of Districts	2	1	1	7	5	57	34	24	4	13,61,489	
Total	28,422	54,531	15,261	11,430	1,037	604	56	33	481	83,04,979	
II.—Revenue Courts											
Unpaid Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.	
Other Subordinate Courts	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	..	..	
Collectors' Courts	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total	...	...	...	...	.	...	...	...	...	...	
Courts at the Presidency or Seat of Government.											
Presidency Small Cause Courts	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	..	...	...	
Superior Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Grand Total	28,422	54,531	15,261	11,430	1,037	604	56	33	481	83,04,979	

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 9.—(Civil.)

Statement showing the general result of the trial of Civil and Revenue cases in the Courts of original jurisdiction in the Central Provinces in the year 1887.

PART I.—CIVIL SUITS.

Class of Courts.	Total number of suits before the Courts.	Number of suits disposed of.										Pending at the close of the year.	No. of cases pending more than 3 months at the close of the year.	Average duration of suits.		Remarks.
		Transferred to Courts in other Provinces.	Without trial.	Without contest.				On reference to arbitration.		With contest.				Contested.	Uncontested.	
				Compromised	Decreed on confession.	Decreed *ex-parte*.	Dismissed *ex-part*.	For plaintiff.	For defendant.	Judgment for plaintiff in whole or in part.	Judgment for defendant.					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																
I.—CIVIL COURTS.																
Unpaid Tribunals ...	70	...	14	4	18	10	...	..	...	7	4	13	..	59·4	34·6	
Village Courts ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	..	...	...		...	..	
Paid Sub-Divisional Tribunals ...	23,082	...	17,869	9,202	19,131	15,922	964	33	10	17,061	5,366	7,567	70	46·7	32·9	
Small Cause Courts ...	14,356	...	2,194	1,356	3,638	3,330	94	11	2	1,871	654	1,019	9	29·5	23·5	
District Courts, other than Chief Courts of Districts ...	14,012	...	2,114	656	1,534	1,280	131	34	10	4,404	2,188	1,755	80	76·8	48·0	
Chief Courts of Districts ..	156	...	11	8	18	8	..	..	1	64	16	31	9	110·9	39·9	
Total ...	1,21,676	...	22,202	11,226	24,539	20,550	1,189	78	22	23,407	8,178	10,385	168	51·7	32·7	
II.—REVENUE COURTS																
Unpaid Local Tribunals ..	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Other Subordinate Courts ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	
District Courts ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	
Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY OR SEAT OF GOVERNMENT.																
Presidency Small Cause Courts ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	
Superior Courts ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	.	...	...	...	
Grand Total ...	1,21,676	...	22,202	11,226	24,539	20,550	1,189	77	22	23,407	8,178	10,385	168	51·7	32·7	

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No 9.—(Civil)

Statement showing the general result of the trial of Civil and Revenue cases in the Courts of original jurisdiction in the Central Provinces in the year 1887

PART II.—MISCELLANEOUS CASES (JUDICIAL)

Class of Courts.	Total number of cases before the Courts	Number of cases disposed of										Pending at the close of the year	No of cases pending more than 3 months at the close of the year	Average duration of cases		Remarks
		Transferred to Courts in other Provinces.	Without trial	Without contest.				On reference to arbitration.		With contest						
				Compromised	Decreed on confession	Decreed *ex parte*	Dismissed *ex parte*	For plaintiff	For defendant	Judgment for plaintiff in whole or in part	Judgment for defendant.			Contested	Uncontested	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR																
I.—CIVIL COURTS																
Unpaid Tribunals	1		1		...								...		1·0	
Village Courts																
Paid Sub-Divisional Tribunals	6 457		1 760	143	778	848	204	13	5	1 585	764	354		32 4	24 1	
Small Cause Courts	523		210	21	16	20	37			103	93	23		14 9	9·8	
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts	1,693	3	443	45	135	120	58	1	1	501	293	93	1	41 0	20·2	
Chief Courts of Districts	118		33		5	21	8			31	17	5		41 0	15 3	
Total	8 792	3	2 447	209	932	1 009	307	14	6	2 223	1 167	475	1	33 3	22 2	
II.—REVENUE COURTS																
Unpaid Local Tribunals																
Other Subordinate Courts																
District Courts	—			..					...	—			..	—		
Total																
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY OR SEAT OF GOVERNMENT																
Presidency Small Cause Courts																
Superior Courts	..			..	.	..					—					
Total	..			.												
Grand Total	8,792	3	2 447	209	932	1,009	307	14	6	2 223	1,167	475	1	33 3	22·2	

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 10.—(Civil)

Statement showing the business of the Civil and Revenue Appellate Courts of the Central Provinces in the year 1887.

Part I.—Appeals.

Class of Courts	Total number of appeals before the Courts	Transferred to Courts in other Provinces.	Appeals summarily rejected	Dismissed for default or otherwise not prosecuted.	Heard *ex parte*				Contested.				Pending	Of those pending more than 3 months.	Average duration of appeals	Objections under Section 561, Act XIV of 1882
					Confirmed	Modified	Reversed	Remanded	Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR																
Appeals from Original Decrees																
A.—Civil Courts																
Chief Appellate Courts other than Chief Court of District	2,309	..		117	201	18	10	3	823	223	345	106	460	9	43 7	6
Chief Appellate Courts of Districts	3,696	.		220	537	14	39	15	1,474	325	532	165	375	23	42 6	35
Superior Appellate Courts other than Chief Court of Province	365			8	8	1	2		141	62	42	16	85	3	121 5	1
Total	6,370			345	749	33	51	18	2,438	610	919	287	920	35	47 1	42
B.—Revenue Courts																
Collectors' Appellate Courts ..		.		..	..	.				..						
Commissioners' Appellate Courts ..	4			1		.			2	.		1			72 7	
Total	4			1	.				2			1			72 7	
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY OR SEAT OF GOVERNMENT																
Chief Court of Province — Appeals from original decrees — Civil	836		..	11	.. 228	5	7	5	. 185	.. 51	78	27	239	64	109 2	13
Chief Court of Province — Appeals from appellate do — Revenue					..											
Total	836			11	228	5	7	5	185	51	78	27	239	64	109 5	
Grand Total	7,210	..		357	977	38	58	23	2,625	661	99	315	1,159	99	53 2	55

NOTE.—The revenue appeals in the Commissioners' Courts have been shown under "Revenue Courts."

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 10.—(Civil.)

Statement showing the business of the Civil and Revenue Appellate Courts of the Central Provinces in the year 1887.

PART II.—MISCELLANEOUS APPEALS (JUDICIAL.)

Class of Courts	Total number of appeals before the Courts	Transferred to Courts in other Provinces	Appeals summarily rejected.	Dismissed for default or otherwise not prosecuted	Heard *ex-parte*				Contested.				Pending.	Of those pending more than 3 months.	Average duration of appeals	Objectors under Section 561, Act XIV of 1882
					Confirmed	Modified	Reversed	Remanded.	Confirmed	Modified	Reversed	Remanded				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR																
APPEALS FROM ORIGINAL DECREES																
A.—CIVIL COURTS.																
Chief Appellate Courts other than Chief Court of District ..	138	...	8	19	9	..	8	3	35	1	20	19	16	...	23·9	...
Chief Appellate Courts of Districts .	243	..	40	14	29	3	14	5	57	1	41	21	18	...	32·9	
Superior Appellate Courts other than Chief Court of Province.	44		...	3	5	.	1	1	18		6	2	8	...	120·6	
Total ...	425	...	48	36	43	3	23	9	110	2	67	42	42	.	41·4	2
B.—REVENUE COURTS																
Collectors' Appellate Courts	..	...	...			.	..	..				...	..	.	...	.
Commissioners' Appellate Courts	...	...		..			...			...	.	..			..	.
Total ...	...	...	...	..	..	...	...	..	...	.	.	..	...		.	...
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY OR SEAT OF GOVERNMENT.																
Chief Court of Province... Appeals from original decrees .	...	...		..	.		.	..	..	..		.	.		...	.
Chief Court of Province... Appeals from appellate do .	74	...	4	1	20	.		2	18	1	9	6	13	4	26·7	
Total ...	74	..	4	1	20	...		2	18	1	9	6	13	4	26·7	
Grand Total ...	499	...	52	37	63	3	23	11	128	3	76	48	55	4	49·2	2

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 14.—(Civil).

Statement showing the result of proceedings on applications for the execution of the decrees of the Civil and Revenue Courts in the Central Provinces in the year 1887.

Class of Courts.	Total number of applications for the execution of decrees before the Courts.	Applications disposed of.				Pending at the end of the year	Number of applications pending more than three months at the close of the year.	Amounts realized.		Number of applications.											
		By transfer.	Satisfaction obtained in full.	Satisfaction obtained in part.	Wholly infructuous.			With the issue of processes.	Without the issue of processes.	On which the judgment debtor was imprisoned.	On which he was arrested but released without imprisonment.	On which moveable property Was sold.	On which moveable property Was attached but subsequently released.	On which immoveable property Was sold.	On which immoveable property Was dealt with under Sections 305, 339, or 338, Act XIV. of 1882.	On which immoveable property Was attached but subsequently released under Section 275.	On which possession was given Of moveables.	On which possession was given Of immoveables.	On which specific performance was enforced.	On which partition was effected.	On which execution was effected otherwise than as in the preceding columns.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																					
I.—Civil Courts.																					
Unpaid Tribunals	16	2	5	1	6	2	...	253	...	...	1	...	2	1	2	2	...	3	...	...	...
Village Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Paid Sub-Divisional Tribunals	61,139	1,700	12,609	10,861	23,648	7,321	127	6,14,524	4,841	416	2,066	3,656	5,332	2,719	466	3,545	17	216	1	...	4
Small Cause Courts	9,747	839	1,996	2,059	3,773	1,078	76	62,947	2,115	101	561	491	611	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts	11,453	489	3,153	2,345	3,928	1,538	146	4,62,149	14,510	79	168	587	698	488	261	732	92	1,703	5	1	1
Chief Courts of Districts	220	15	58	48	69	30	8	94,440	2,639	3	4	22	19	7	12	24	2	37	...	...	...
Superior Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	82,575	3,045	17,823	15,314	36,424	9,969	357	12,34,313	25,105	599	2,801	4,756	6,662	3,215	841	4,303	111	1,959	6	1	5
II.—Revenue Courts.																					
Unpaid Local Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other Subordinate Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
District Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY OR SEAT OF GOVERNMENT.																					
Presidency Small Cause Courts ...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Superior Courts	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Grand Total ...	82,575	3,045	17,823	15,314	36,424	9,969	357	12,34,313	25,105	599	2,801	4,756	6,662	3,215	841	4,303	111	1,959	6	1	5

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 12.—(Civil.)

Statement showing the number and result of applications and proceedings under Chapter XX., Act XIV. of 1882, in the Central Provinces, in the year 1887.

Class of Courts.	Applications for a declaration of Insolvency.								Number of insolvents discharged during the year under Section 365	Number of insolvents' estates in the hands of receiver, in which proceedings were finally closed during the year	Amount of creditors' claims dealt with during the year.		Gross amounts of insolvency assets realized and disbursed.		Remarks.
	Total number of hearings	Transferred to another Province, withdrawn &c.	Granted.		Rejected.			Pending at the close of the year			Admitted.	Satisfied	Realized during the year	Disbursed during the year.	
			A receiver being appointed.	A receiver not being appointed.	Penal proceedings under Section 359 not being taken	Sentence of imprisonment being passed under Section 359.	Applicant being sent to the Magistrate to be dealt with.								
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Courts other than Chief Courts of District	236	79	15	51	32	.	...	59	11	19	8,861	10,324	5,068	7,606	
Chief Courts of District	49	21	6	10	7	...	...	5	6	5	25,279	883	3,978	11,483	
Superior Courts	...	..	..	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	..	...	
Total ..	285	100	21	61	39	..	..	64	17	24	34,940	11,207	9,046	19,089	

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 13—(Civil and Criminal)

(Showing use of Juries and Assessors in the Civil and Criminal Courts in the Central Provinces in the year 1887, is blank as a Civil Return.)

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS.

[Giving Statistics of Civil Suits only, and showing totals for each District.

STATEMENT

Statement showing the number and description of Suits instituted and re-instituted

Districts	Suits for money or moveable property.										Suits between landlords and tenants.					
	Contract in writing.	Contract not in writing.	On account stated.	Money had and received.	Goods sold.	Wages, work and materials.	Breach of contract not mentioned above.	Rent not falling under the Rent Law.	Moveable property or value thereof.	Damages.	Suits for ejectment.	Suits for recovery of possession.	Suits for arrears of rent.	Suits for recovery of a penalty for the levy of anything in excess of rent by a landlord.	Suits for recovering penalty from a landlord for refusing a receipt or giving a defective receipt.	All other suits between landlord and tenant not included above.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Nagpur ...	11,847	2.668	574	89	3,333	138	83	188	510	347	65	19	966	...	...	...
Chanda ...	2,718	637	349	63	250	22	52	16	343	117	2	23	349	...	...	..
Bhandara ...	3,908	1,022	20	35	188	3	...	2	74	109	159	16	741	...	...	...
Wardha ...	3,502	862	823	30	565	6	15	39	688	136	6	32	483	1	...	4
Balaghat ...	1,265	642	20	6	169	11	17	25	447	81	13	27	230	...	..	...
Jubbulpore ...	3,020	1,202	500	104	943	158	45	116	138	224	15	191	832	...	..	...
Saugor ...	2,299	1,081	413	12	211	39	20	55	333	74	49	124	363	..	2	1
Damoh ...	1,208	391	247	19	76	15	1	2	97	88	36	56	271	...	...	...
Seoni ...	1,063	698	48	43	188	32	164	14	119	76	...	49	202	...	...	...
Mandla ...	406	577	67	18	192	51	6	6	96	92	..	21	189	...	...	1
Hoshangabad ...	3,944	1,277	299	25	164	250	60	69	356	128	62	100	406	...	...	1
Betul ...	1,289	429	55	78	144	25	4	13	126	110	17	39	202	1	...	14
Narsinghpur ...	3,498	696	184	13	174	43	9	88	306	53	3	8	1,125	...	...	5
Chhindwara ...	1,963	935	43	17	237	16	26	24	104	95	4	101	265	...	...	...
Nimar ...	4,465	773	383	130	755	93	31	143	261	121	9	14	303	...	...	...
Raipur ..	1,710	1.714	211	59	795	113	1,372	47	232	509	290	228	664	...	...	...
Sambalpur ...	918	1,014	5	2	415	28	40	12	215	189	27	32	254	...	...	...
Bilaspur ...	973	1,513	11	32	400	37	684	65	636	251	49	128	521	..	...	...
Commissioner Nagpur Division ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ... 1887 ...	49,996	18,1 31	4,252	775	9,289	1,080	2,629	924	5,081	2,793	806	1,208	8,416	2	2	26
Total ... 1886 ...	49,820	18,727	4,079	923	10,486	1,164	2,813	1,059	5,174	2,885	725	1,311	7,167	...	5	43

STATEMENT No. II.—Exhibition of

Rs.																
Not exceeding 10	5,381	7,606	850	254	5,676	577	931	364	1,833	732	162	560	2,515	...	...	...
Ditto 50	28,312	8,186	1,864	321	3,028	419	1,393	414	2,843	1,111	362	504	4,371	2	...	6
Ditto 100	9,338	1,269	698	91	366	58	177	89	477	495	129	79	967	...	...	7
Ditto 500	6,285	915	689	90	209	26	120	53	385	379	184	62	547	...	2	13
Ditto 1,000	448	88	90	15	8	...	5	4	20	51	11	3	15	...	...	...
Ditto 5,000	202	60	59	4	2	...	2	...	21	21	8	...	1	...	...	...
Ditto 10,000	18	3	2	...	...	...	1	...	2	4	...	...	...	...	...	...
Exceeding 10,000	12	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Number of suits the value of which cannot be estimated...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ... 1887 ...	49,996	18,131	4,252	775	9,289	1,080	2,629	924	5,081	2,793	806	1,208	8,416	2	2	26
Total ... 1886 ...	49,820	18,727	4,079	923	10,486	1,164	2,813	1,059	5,174	2,885	725	1,311	7,167	...	5	43

No. I.—(Civil).

in the Civil Courts in the Districts of the Central Provinces during the year 1887.

| Title and other Suits. | | |

Statement showing the result of the trial of Original Suits

Districts.	For disposal,					Disposed			
	Remaining at close of previous year.	Re-instituted during the year (Sections 99, 108, 562, 623, Act XIV. of 1882).	Received by transfer from other provinces during the year.	Instituted during the year (Section 58, Act XIV. of 1882).	Total.	Transferred to other provinces.	Plaint rejected or returned after institution.	Dismissed for default, Section 98, Act XIV. of 1882.	
								Number.	Percentage of total disposed of.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Nagpur ..	1,684	554	...	21,052	23,290	...	119	2,834	13·2
Chanda ...	425	175	...	4,922	5,522	...	32	849	17·5
Bhandara ...	876	287	...	6,295	7,458	...	55	1,338	20·5
Wardha ..	991	429	...	7,216	8,636	...	69	1,327	17·2
Balaghat ...	154	54	...	3,074	3,282	...	5	481	15·9
Jubbulpore ...	656	128	..	7,864	8,648	...	76	1,529	19·2
Saugor ..	298	89	...	5,313	5,700	...	33	764	14·7
Damoh ...	42	72	...	2,733	2,847	...	11	292	10·6
Seoni ..	146	57	...	2,781	2,984	...	10	301	10·6
Mandla ...	66	7	..	1,766	1,839	...	10	311	17·8
Hoshangabad ...	853	160	...	7,476	8,489	...	66	1,515	19·4
Betul ...	146	84	...	2,739	2,969	...	36	559	19·8
Narsinghpur ...	573	146	...	6,392	7,111	...	27	1,168	18·2
Chhindwara ..	383	52	...	4,178	4,613	...	26	1,004	23·1
Nimar ...	613	208	...	7,766	8,587	...	32	1,950	24·3
Raipur ...	1,285	222	...	8,168	9,675	...	54	1,963	22·0
Sambalpur ..	302	59	...	3,533	3,894	...	28	728	21·3
Bilaspur ...	326	81	...	5,722	6,129	...	75	1,367	24·0
Commissioner, Nagpur Division ...	2	1	...	...	3	...	...	...	...
Total ... 1887..	9,821	2,865	...	1,08,990	1,21,676	...	764	20,280	18·2
Total ... 1886...	7,862	3,074	...	1,09,891	1,20,827	...	823	20,447	18·4

MENT No. III.

in the Districts of the Central Provinces during the year 1887.

of

Withdrawn with leave (Section 373, Act XIV. of 1882).	Compromised.		Decreed on confession (in full of claim.)		Decreed *ex parte*.				
						Dismissed *ex parte*.		Total.	
	Number.	Percentage of total disposed of.	Number.	Percentage of total disposed of.	Decreed.	Number.	Percentage of total *ex parte*.	Number.	Percentage of total disposed of.
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
433	2,209	10·3	5,354	25·0	5,672	275	4·6	5,947	27·8
96	363	7·2	1,059	21·1	1,064	59	5·2	1,123	22·5
113	428	6·5	1,716	26·2	1,615	72	4·3	1,687	25·8
54	718	9·3	1,509	19·5	1,851	37	1·9	1,888	24·4
39	91	3·0	800	26·5	511	100	16·3	611	20·2
110	729	9·2	2,006	25·3	875	47	5·0	922	11·6
21	694	13·4	1,267	24·5	736	47	6·0	783	15·1
12	303	11·0	632	23·1	420	18	4·1	438	16·0
20	372	13·1	687	24·3	310	25	7·4	335	11·8
22	276	15·8	361	20·7	233	7	2·9	240	13·8
44	866	11·1	1,206	15·5	1,333	79	5·6	1,412	18·1
13	339	12·0	645	22·9	372	25	6·2	397	14·1
10	403	6·2	1,118	17·4	1,393	76	5·1	1,469	22·9
9	386	8·8	1,050	24·2	600	27	4·3	627	14·4
76	611	7·6	1,918	24·0	1,395	46	3·2	1,441	18·0
56	1,225	13·7	1,603	18·0	1,317	157	10·6	1,474	16·5
27	409	12·0	674	20·0	314	35	10·0	349	10·2
3	804	14·1	934	16·4	539	57	9·5	596	10·5
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1,158	11,226	10·0	24,539	22·0	20,550	1,189	5·4	21,739	19·5
1,093	11,873	10·7	24,166	21·7	19,331	1,047	5·1	20,378	18·3

STATEMENT

Districts.	Disposed of—*Contd.*									Pending.		
	Contested and disposed of by											
	Judgment for plaintiff.				Judgment for defendant.		Total.					
	In whole of claim.		In part of claim.									
	Number.	Percentage of total contested	Number.	Percentage of total contested.	Number.	Percentage of total contested.	Number.	Percentage of total disposed of.	Total.	Total.	Over two and not over three months.	Over three months.
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32
Nagpur ...	1,877	42·1	1,572	35·3	1,001	22 4	4,450	20 8	21,346	1,944	...	34
Chanda ...	601	40 8	538	36 5	335	22·7	1,474	29·5	4,996	526	...	8
Bhandara ...	525	44·0	363	20 4	305	25·5	1,193	18 2	6,530	928	284	22
Wardha ...	1,052	49·0	709	33·0	382	17·8	2,143	27·8	7,708	928	56	19
Balaghat ...	388	39·1	337	34 0	266	26·8	991	32·8	3,018	264	2	...
Jubbulpore ..	1,168	45·7	623	24 4	764	29·9	2,555	32·2	7,927	721	...	23
Saugor ...	786	49·0	407	25·4	408	25·4	1,601	31·0	5,103	537	62	7
Damoh ...	441	42·2	362	34·6	241	23·0	1,044	38 2	2,732	115	...	...
Seoni ..	493	44·7	358	32·5	251	22·8	1,102	38·9	2,827	157	1	...
Mandla ...	210	40·5	171	33·0	137	26 4	518	29·8	1,738	101	...	...
Hoshangabad ...	1,214	45·5	743	27·8	711	26·6	2,668	34·3	7,777	712	58	20
Betul ...	352	42·7	184	22·3	288	34·9	824	29·3	2,813	156	9	...
Narsinghpur ..	1,230	56·0	545	24·7	423	19·2	2,204	34·4	6,399	712	4	3
Chhindwara ...	647	52·3	253	20 4	336	27 2	1,236	28·5	4,338	275	3	2
Nimar ...	943	47·9	548	27·8	475	24·1	1,966	24·6	7,994	593	...	5
Raipur ...	914	36·2	670	26·6	937	37·1	2,521	28 3	8,896	779	52	9
Sambalpur ..	384	32·2	435	36·5	372	31·2	1,191	34·9	3,406	488	44	1
Bilaspur ..	669	35 1	687	36·1	546	28·7	1,902	33·8	5,681	448	26	15
Commr. Nagpur Dn. ..	...	...	2	100·0	...	...	2	...	2	1	...	...
Total... 1887..	13,900	44·0	9,507	30·0	8,178	25·9	31,585	28·4	1,11,291	10,385	601	168
Total... 1886..	14,071	43 6	10,009	31·0	8,147	25 2	32,227	29·0	1,11,007	9,820	651	364

No. III.—(Continued).

Average.				Number of suits disposed of.										
Durations of suits in days and tenths.		Number of hearings in suits disposed of.		Instituted in *forma pauperis* (Section 410, Act XIV of 1882.)	In which commission issued for local investigation (Section 392, Act XIV of 1882.)	In which commission issued to investigate or adjust accounts (Section 394, Act XIV of 1882.)	In which commission issued to make a partition (Section 396, Act XIV of 1882.	In which reference was made to arbitrators.		In which any matter was decided on oath of party or witness.	In which any of those costs of a successful plaintiff which are not more than proportionate to the relief decreed or decreed against such plaintiff.	In which payment by instalments was decreed (Section 210, Act XIV of 1882).	Remarks.
Contested.	Uncontested.	Contested.	Uncontested.					Found for plaintiff.	Found for defendant.				
33	34	35		36	37	38	39	40		41	42	43	44
56·3	31·7	2·6	1·4	1	58	33	...	10	1	77	50	183	
49·9	31·9	3·5	2·0	2	7	10	...	2	...	19	37	171	
70·7	48·3	3·7	1·9	1	33	9	...	1	4	25	25	415	
64·3	36·4	4·0	2·2	3	30	30	...	6	...	29	5	191	
44·7	29·4	3·0	1·9	...	12	1	...	...	...	32	6	90	
46·2	27·9	2·8	1·5	2	30	8	...	15	1	12	48	274	
44·2	33·5	2·9	1·9	3	49	20	...	13	6	10	10	202	
24·2	16·6	2·5	1·6	1	22	1	...	4	...	4	41	68	
31·3	21·7	2·6	1·7	1	8	...	...	1	1	6	13	45	
31·0	20·4	2·6	1·7	...	...	2	...	2	...	11	6	13	
57·3	33·8	3·6	1·9	...	51	41	...	7	1	10	13	150	
42·3	24·9	3·3	2·0	2	33	6	...	5	...	8	45	120	
50·8	37·4	2·6	1·6	...	37	18	...	7	1	59	15	84	
37·5	25·0	2·6	1·7	...	12	4	...	...	...	2	9	200	
48·7	30·4	3·1	1·6	...	5	6	...	2	...	25	22	374	
73·0	39·6	3·1	1·9	...	477	8	...	1	...	18	...	123	
59·8	39·2	2·9	1·1	3	36	...	...	1	2	16	31	84	
41·5	25·9	3·5	1·8	...	107	4	5	1	6	46	22	79	
200·0	...	6·0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
51·7	32·7	3·5	2·0	19	1,007	203	5	78	23	409	398	2,866	
46·5	30·0	3·2	1·9	27	858	247	5	103	21	406	840	3,143	

STATEMENT No. IV.

Statement showing the General Result of the trial of Civil Cases in the Courts of Original Jurisdiction in the Districts of the Central Provinces during the year 1887.

PART II.—Miscellaneous Cases (Judicial).

Districts.	Total number of cases before the Courts.	Number of cases disposed of										Pending at the close of the year.	Number of cases pending more than three months at the close of the year.	Average duration of cases.		Remarks.
		Transferred to Courts in other Provinces.	Without trial.	Without contest.				On reference to arbitration.		With contest.						
				Compromised.	Decreed on confession.	Decreed *ex parte*.	Dismissed *ex parte*.	For plaintiff.	For defendant.	Judgment for plaintiff in whole or part.	Judgment for defendant.			Contested.	Uncontested.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Nagpur ...	1,604	...	373	37	217	283	98	...	...	372	204	20	...	34·1	23·4	
Chanda ...	818	...	222	15	113	110	23	...	...	183	89	63	...	34·4	23·4	
Bhandara ...	786	...	190	15	69	184	55	...	...	153	40	80	1	52·7	26·0	
Wardha ...	1,172	...	224	19	242	98	18	...	...	292	157	122	...	37·3	23·6	
Balaghat ...	291	...	86	1	33	27	16	...	...	71	33	24	...	33·0	22·6	
Jubbulpore ...	447	...	173	14	6	17	24	...	...	100	87	26	...	34·3	27·0	
Saugor ...	389	...	152	11	48	26	6	1	2	87	56	...	...	33·3	21·5	
Damoh ...	225	...	42	5	1	15	4	...	...	87	53	18	...	24·7	16·3	
Seoni ...	234	...	106	2	7	3	...	...	...	72	32	12	...	21·9	16·4	
Mandla ...	70	...	23	4	2	4	...	...	...	24	10	3	...	26·8	17·3	
Hoshangabad ...	528	...	214	10	23	41	14	...	...	135	85	6	...	28·0	17·0	
Betul ...	325	...	109	5	40	40	2	...	...	63	57	9	...	29·0	19·5	
Narsinghpur ...	261	...	21	5	12	20	4	...	...	126	67	6	...	34·0	35·6	
Chhindwara ...	326	...	105	6	39	20	2	2	...	86	36	30	...	24·0	12·5	
Nimar ...	697	...	162	25	39	63	14	...	...	256	89	49	...	23·9	22·3	
Raipur ...	265	3	87	27	10	12	12	8	3	65	35	3	...	51·5	31·0	
Sambalpur ...	125	...	44	8	18	16	8	1	...	19	11	...	...	24·9	24·6	
Bilaspur ...	229	...	114	...	13	30	7	2	1	32	26	4	...	42·1	29·4	
Total ... 1887...	8,792	3	2,447	209	932	1,009	307	14	6	2,223	1,167	475	1	33·2	22·2	
Total ... 1886...	8,720	...	2,473	151	959	988	311	16	5	2,256	1,147	412	1	30·9	22·5	

STATEMENT No. V

Statement showing the business of the Civil Appellate Courts of the Central Provinces during the year 1887.

PART I.—Appeals from Decrees.

Courts.	For disposal.				Disposed of.													Pending.		Number of cases in which objections under Section 61, Act XIV. of 1882 were		Average duration of each appeal tried.
							Head *ex-parte*.					Contested.										
							Confirmed.			Reversed.				Reversed.								
	Remaining at close of previous year.	Received by transfer from other Provinces.	Instituted or re-admitted.	Total (column 17 plus 18.)	Transferred to other Provinces.	Dismissed for default, or under Sections 556, 557, Act XIV. of 1882.	Without notice to Respondent.	After notice to Respondent.	Modified.	Without remand under Section 552, Act XIV. of 1882.	And remanded under Section 562, Act XIV of 1882	Confirmed.	Modified.	Without remand under Section 562, Act XIV. of 1882.	And remanded under Section 562, Act, XIV. of 1882.	Total.	Total.	Over three months.	Preferred.	Allowed (because successfully maintained).	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Judicial Commissioner's Court ...	210	...	626	836	.	11	218	10	5	7	5	185	51	78	27	597	239	64	...	...	109·5
Commissioner, Nagpur Division ...	35	..	77	112	.	3	2	...	..	...	...	49	26	15	3	98	14	...	1	...	118·4
Do. Jubbulpore " ..	12	..	47	59	.	3	...	4	1	1	...	24	2	9	5	49	10	1	...	...	59·8
Do. Nerbudda " ...	44	...	101	145	.	2	...	...	..	...	...	49	32	13	2	98	47	...	...	...	161·3
Do. Chhattisgarh " ..	12	...	37	49	...	...	1	1	...	1	...	19	2	5	6	35	14	2	...	...	105·6
Total in Courts of Commissioners ...	103	..	262	365	.	8	3	5	1	2	...	141	62	42	16	280	85	3	1	...	121·5

STATEMENT No. V.

Statement showing the business of the Civil Appellate Courts of the Districts of the Central Provinces, during the year 1887.

PART II.—Appeals from Decrees.

Districts.	For disposal.				Disposed of.												Pending.		Number of cases in which objections under Section 61, Act XIV of 1882 were		Average duration of each appeal tried.	Remarks.
							Heard *ex-parte*					Contested.										
							Confirmed.			Reversed.				Reversed.								
	Remaining at close of previous year.	Received by transfer from other Provinces	Instituted or re-admitted.	Total (Col 17 plus 18)	Transferred to other Provinces	Dismissed for default, or under Sections 556, 557, Act XIV of 1882	Without notice to Respondent	After notice to Respondent.	Modified.	Without remand under Section 579, Act XIV of 1882.	And remanded under Section 592, Act XIV. of 1882	Confirmed.	Modified.	Without remand under Section 562, Act XIV of 1882.	And remanded under Section 562, Act XIV. of 1882.	Total.	Total.	Over three months.	Preferred.	Allowed (because successfully maintained.)		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Nagpur ..	48	..	403	451	..	14	2	1	.	1	...	230	37	86	16	387	64	1	...	...	54·9	
Chanda ..	31	..	250	281	.	22	20	15	2	5	1	112	47	23	8	255	26	2	10	2	48·4	
Bhandara ..	20	...	217	237	..	14	23	4	1	2	...	87	30	41	9	211	26	..	...	...	39·7	
Wardha ..	70	..	430	500	..	9	69	18	7	6	...	163	72	93	11	418	52	4	10	4	57·4	
Balaghat ..	17	...	155	172	..	16	18	5	1	1	...	80	16	31	...	168	4	..	...	...	20 0	
Jubbulpore ..	56	..	336	386	..	22	63	..	3	...	...	149	15	57	5	314	72	7	...	...	43·9	
Saugor ...	21	..	225	246	..	24	47	10	1	..	2	51	16	23	13	187	59	9	...	...	51·3	
Damoh ...	13	..	182	195	..	15	98	2	1	...	...	15	12	29	9	181	14	...	...	...	36·9	
Seoni ..	6	..	204	210	..	7	36	3	.	1	...	67	18	27	14	173	37	1	...	...	30·4	
Mandla ..	...	..	57	57	...	5	7	7	.	...	...	28	3	6	...	54	3	..	...	...	32·1	
Hoshangabad ..	100	..	588	688	..	45	23	5	6	1	1	232	81	112	67	573	115	3	4	3	54·0	
Betul ..	20	..	230	250	...	13	47	1	.	4	1	77	28	42	24	237	13	..	...	...	30·7	
Narsinghpur ..	162	..	339	501	..	17	13	21	4	7	2	235	37	77	25	438	63	1	1	...	34·2	
Chhindwara ...	19	.	261	280	..	14	26	5	.	11	1	145	18	35	5	263	17	...	...	...	39·1	
Nimar ...	13	..	324	337	..	12	28	12	1	2	...	175	25	43	9	307	30	...	4	1	22·1	
Raipur ..	46	..	588	634	...	64	16	14	5	5	10	215	44	72	38	483	151	2	...	...	45·2	
Sambalpur ..	32	..	208	240	...	13	...	1	..	...	...	125	27	35	9	220	20	2	...	...	45·2	
Bilaspur ..	26	..	314	340	..	11	79	2	..	3	...	103	22	42	9	271	69	..	2	...	44·5	
Total for 1887 { Districts ...	694	..	5,311	6,005	..	337	615	126	32	49	18	2,297	548	877	271	5,170	835	32	31	10	43 0	
Total for 1887 { All Courts.	1,007	..	6,199	7,206	...	356	836	141	38	58	23	2,623	661	997	314	6,047	1,159	99	32	10	53·2	
Total for 1886 { Districts ...	570	..	5,467	6,037	.	307	996	121	58	53	3	2,152	517	929	285	5,452	585	15	12	2	35·6	
Total for 1886 { All Courts.	1,152	...	6,363	7,515	52	350	1,186	147	64	52	37	2,655	619	1,086	358	6,617	898	110	26	9	52·5	

STATEMENT No. VI.

Statement showing the business of the Civil Appellate Courts of the Central Provinces, during the year 1887.

PART I.—Miscellaneous Appeals (Judicial.)

Courts.	Total number of appeals before the Court.	Transferred to Courts in other Provinces.	Appeals summarily rejected.	Dismissed for default or otherwise not prosecuted	Head *ex-parte*.				Contested.				Pending.	Of these pending more than three months.	Average duration of appeals.	Objection under Section 581, Act XIV. of 1882.	Remarks.
					Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded.	Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded.					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Judicial Commissioner's Court .	74	...	4	1	20	...	...	2	18	1	9	6	13	4	98·7	...	
Commissioner, Nagpur Division..	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	2	...	...	...	73·3	...	
Do. Jubbulpore „ ..	10	...	...	1	1	...	1	...	2	...	3	...	2	...	43·6	...	
Do. Nerbudda „ ..	25	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	15	...	1	2	5	...	184·6	...	
Do. Chhattisgarh „ ..	6	...	...	...	4	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	15·8	...	
Total in Courts of Commissioners ..	44	..	...	3	5	...	1	1	18	...	6	2	8	...	120·6	..	

STATEMENT No. VI.

Statement showing the business of the Civil Appellate Courts of the Districts of the Central Provinces during the year 1887.

PART II.—Miscellaneous Appeals (Judicial)

Districts.	Total number of appeals before the Courts	Transferred to Courts in other Provinces	Appeals summarily rejected	Dismissed for default or otherwise not prosecuted	Heard *ex parte*				Contested				Pending.	Of these pending more than three months	Average duration of appeals.	Objection under Section 561, Act XIV of 1882	Remarks.
					Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded.	Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Nagpur	29	...	...	2	1	...	...	..	14	...	5	6	1	...	49 3	...	
Chanda	11	...	...	2	4	...	1	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	27 2	...	
Bhandara	12	...	...	2	2	...	...	1	2	...	3	...	2	...	27 9	...	
Wardha	31	...	2	3	4	...	4	...	7	...	8	...	3	...	46 8	...	
Balaghat	2	..	...	...	.	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	20 5	..	
Jubbulpore	22	...	1	5	...	...	.	...	10	1	3	2	...	...	37 1	...	
Saugor	13	...	1	...	4	2	3	...	2	...	...	1	...	...	51 3	...	
Damoh	11	...	6	.	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	1	...	17 4	...	
Seoni	18	...	8	...	...	...	1	...	2	...	2	3	2	...	24 3	...	
Mandla	4	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	..	...	...	3 5	...	
Hoshangabad	64	...	5	3	...	...	2	2	17	...	8	13	14	...	43 0	...	
Betul	22	...	...	...	11	...	1	...	5	...	2	3	...	...	15 5	...	
Narsinghpur	49	...	1	8	3	...	6	2	6	...	15	...	8	...	30 1		2
Chhindwara	13	...	1	1	2	...	3	...	3	...	2	1	...	...	30 4	...	
Nimar	10	.	1	1	3	1	1	...	2	...	1	...	...	...	26 7	...	
Raipur	57	...	18	5	1	...	...	1	17	1	3	9	2	...	22 4	...	
Sambalpur	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	1	2	...	...	25 8	..	
Bilaspur	7	...	...	1	3	...	...	2	..	...	...	...	1	...	32 1	...	
Total for 1887.... Districts	381	...	48	33	38	3	22	8	92	2	61	40	34	...	33 2		2
Total for 1887.... All Courts	499	...	52	37	62	3	23	11	128	3	76	48	55	4	49 3		2
Total for 1886... Districts	326	...	16	21	59	3	11	12	90	6	54	28	24	...	28 4	...	
Total for 1886... All Courts	461	...	20	27	82	3	13	15	124	10	65	47	55	7	52 0	...	

STATEMENT No. VII.

Statement showing the results of proceedings on applications for execution of the decrees of the Civil Courts in the Districts of the Central Provinces, during the year 1887.

Districts.	Total number of applications for the execution of decrees before the Courts.	Applications disposed of: By transfer: To Civil Courts.	Applications disposed of: By transfer: To Collectors.	Applications disposed of: Satisfaction obtained in full.	Applications disposed of: Satisfaction obtained in part.	Applications disposed of: Wholly infructuous.	Pending at the end of the year.	Number of applications pending more than three months at the close of the year.	Amount realized: With the issue of process.	Amount realized: Without the issue of process.	Number of applications: On which the judgment debtor was imprisoned.	Number of applications: On which he was arrested, but released without imprisonment.	Number of applications: On which moveable property: Was sold.	Number of applications: On which moveable property: Was attached but subsequently released.	Number of applications: On which immoveable property: Was sold.	Number of applications: On which immoveable property: Was dealt with under: Section 305, Act XIV. of 1882.	Number of applications: On which immoveable property: Was dealt with under: Section 320, Act XIV. of 1882.	Number of applications: On which immoveable property: Was attached, but subsequently released under Section 275.	Number of applications: On which possession was given: Of moveables.	Number of applications: On which possession was given: Of immoveables.	Number of applications: On which specific performance was enforced.	Number of applications: On which partition was effected.	Number of applications: On which execution was effected otherwise than as in the preceding columns.	Remarks
1	2	3		4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16		17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Nagpur ...	19,030	1,146	92	3,639	3,378	8,564	2,211	149	1,67,405	904	117	410	907	709	785	...	92	721	19	206	...	...	...	
Chanda ..	4,142	86	35	808	810	1,928	475	11	24,873	1,353	13	57	386	363	212	...	35	201	...	30	...	...	...	
Bhandara ...	5,257	230	50	857	732	2,511	877	32	42,618	512	14	46	343	455	212	...	51	241	5	90	...	...	...	
Wardha ..	7 781	248	147	1,399	1,085	3,919	983	58	86,965	5,481	44	209	366	525	338	...	147	483	10	130	...	...	...	
Balaghat ...	2,248	33	62	557	358	883	355	6	29,289	705	1	16	155	283	93	...	62	157	11	29	1	...		4
Jubbulpore ...	4,917	229	37	1,159	1,100	1,836	556	10	89,510	1,634	34	316	275	540	156	...	39	121	8	186	3	...	...	
Saugor ..	3,513	62	19	849	829	1,344	410	12	67,201	720	26	136	214	407	167	41	..	244	1	118	1	...	...	
Damoh ..	1,309	34	63	535	454	383	140	...	32,606	20	5	46	107	154	63	2	63	58	...	131	..	1		1
Seoni .	1,778	...	35	530	503	539	171	...	52,607	1,019	22	90	234	256	73	...	..	65	...	45	...	...	...	
Mandla ..	709	16	10	216	185	226	56	...	8,015	2,782	20	77	59	76	43	...	..	49	2	16	...	..	...	
Hoshangabad ..	6,094	45	83	1,214	1,317	2,339	596	10	1,70,712	548	40	208	263	722	271	...	83	556	11	235	...	...	...	
Betul ..	1,925	37	31	447	331	849	230	2	41,209	118	7	48	107	224	95	4	27	316	3	76	...	...	...	
Narsinghpur ..	5,531	3	83	911	1,297	2,527	710	40	1,51 591	5,504	50	110	315	590	217	3	83	317	20	145	1	...	...	
Chhindwara ...	3,469	6	28	786	838	1,417	394	...	55,084	3,220	20	96	273	336	193	...	28	246	4	132	...	...	...	
Nimar ..	6,381	13	54	1,352	991	3,235	706	2	87,658	536	40	355	162	369	157	...	55	341	4	69	...	...	...	
Raipur ...	4,341	...	6	1,298	627	1,825	585	13	79,249	...	60	290	310	256	86	5	...	101	8	133	...	...	...	
Sambalpur .	1,688	...	5	463	234	707	279	1	19,650	...	50	109	130	227	27	...	5	43	3	62	...	...	...	
Bilaspur	2,162	...	17	773	245	892	235	11	28,071	49	36	182	150	170	27	...	17	43	2	126	...	...	...	
Total ... 1887 .	82,575	2,188	857	17,823	15,314	36,424	9,969	357	12,34,313	25,105	599	2 801	4 756	6,662	3.215	55	786	4,313	111	1,959	6	1		5
Total ... 1886 .	81,281	1,831	695	18,262	15,847	35,435	9,211	354	11,17,207	42,586	583	2,800	5,029	6,631	3,375	73	654	4,885	93	1,951	19	...		3

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Statement showing (1) the fees levied for, and (2) the charges incurred in, the service and execution during the

Districts.	(1) Fees levied. In separate detail for each Court. On processes directed to be served by European bailiff (Special Rule 1)		On other processes issued				For assisting in distraint (Special Rule III)	Additional Fees		Grand total of fees levied (Columns 2 to 9)
	At Rs 2 rate.	At Re 1 rate	At Re. 1 rate	At As 12 rate	At As. 8 rate	At As. 4 rate		Under Special Rule IV.	Under Special Rule V	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs. a	Rs. a	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	Rs. a	Rs a.	Rs. a
Nagpur ..	2	14	16,972	1,715 0	349 0	23,721 0	...	585 8	8 12	43,367 4
Chanda ...	...		3,907	849 12	22 8	6,207 4	...	271 4	8 4	11,266 0
Bhandara ...	...	...	4,817	802 0	211 8	6,692 0	0 8	9 12	..	12,532 12
Wardha ..	...	..	7,978	215 4	538 0	9,644 12	...	378 0	...	18,754 0
Balaghat ..	...		2,332	468 0	6 8	3,556 8	.	...	88 12	6,451 12
Jubbulpore ..	30	1,857	2,874	658 4	70 8	8,292 12	...	145 12	...	13,928 4
Saugor ...		.	4,223	126 8	205 0	6,103 0	...	210 0	...	10,867 8
Damoh ..	...	..	1,783	273 0	15 0	2,809 4	...	69 12	..	4,950 0
Seoni ..		...	1,863	411 0	1 0	2,744 4	...	.	..	5,019 4
Mandla ..		...	801	146 12	7 0	1,312 12	21 4	6 12	...	2,295 8
Hoshangabad ..		..	7,106	602 4	687 8	10,084 12	3 0	273 4	84 4	18,841 0
Betul ...	...	...	2,293	538 0	35 0	2,981 0	.	112 12	..	5,959 12
Narsinghpur ..	...	.	5,818	1,191 0	57 0	7,253 4	...	244 14	33 12	14,597 14
Chhindwara ..	...	...	3,283	733 12	18 0	4,241 12	...	53 4	.	8,329 12
Nimar ...	...	...	5,529	452 12	29 8	6,793 4	...	73 12	...	12,878 4
Raipur ...	...	.	4919	474 12	385 0	8,625 4	...	...	...	14,404 0
Sambalpur ...	...	...	1,825	82 8	29 0	2,952 12	...	12 0	...	4,901 4
Bilaspur ...	..	...	2,327	227 0	76 8	4,383 12	...	..	28 4	6,942 8
Total ...	32	1,871	80,650	9,967 8	2,743 8	1,18,299 4	24 12	2,446 10	252 0	2,16,286 10

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of processes issued out of the Civil Courts in the Districts of the Central Provinces, year 1887.

(2) Charges. In separate details for each Court or set of Courts having a joint establishment.									Collectively for the District.			(1) Number of processes re-issued without charges, Special Rule VI.
Naib Nazirs.			Peons.						Contingencies.			
			1st Class at Rs. 10.		2nd Class at Rs. 8.		3rd Class at Rs. 6.					
Class and period for which employed.	Total salary.	Salary of European bailiff.	Number on last day.	Total salary.	Number on last day.	Total salary.	Number on last day.	Total salary.	Heads of charges.	Charges under each head.	Grand Total of all charges (Columns 12, 13, 15, 17, 19, and 21.)	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Rs.	Rs.	No.	Rs.	No.	Rs.	No.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.	
10	3,097	720	13	1,553	12	1,146	110	8,078	Process forms registers, other stationary, official postage, servers' badges, furniture, &c.	714	15,308	404
3	1,180	...	1	120	4	372	40	2,331		149	4,152	2
4	1,320	...	3	360	5	480	30	2,397		170	4,727	28
5	1,435	...	3	330	4	346	41	2,881		201	5,193	530
1	360	...	1	120	1	86	19	1,320		33	1,919	102
2	743	683	5	596	4	380	38	2,702		229	5,339	609
4	1,349	...	3	350	4	373	57	2,952		162	5,186	93
2	776	...	4	473	1	96	19	1,705		7	3,057	8
1	368	...	3	362	1	91	17	1,146		...	1,967	206
1	180	...	1	120	—	—	13	905		15	1,220	52
5	1,995	...	8	941	4	359	44	3,342		190	6,827	426
2	390	...	3	304	2	185	20	1,276		57	2,212	184
3	1,076	...	4	480	6	576	38	2,640		173	4,954	217
2	843	...	4	475	2	192	20	1,085		35	3,230	57
2	480	...	6	720	1	95	24	2,021		39	3,355	33
3	712	...	2	220	3	263	39	2,424		75	3,694	.
2	420	...	2	238	2	192	17	1,684		19	2,553	...
2	532	...	2	250	2	187	41	2,297		125	78,270	125
54	17,256	1,409	68	7,998	58	5,419	617	43,795	...	2,393	78,270	3,076

STATEMENT No. IX.

Proceedings in Insolvency under Chapter XX., Act XIV. of 1882, in the Districts of the Central Provinces during the year 1887.

PART I.—Showing the number and result of applications under Section 344, nad the number of insolvents before the Court.

Districts.	Applications for a declaration of insolvency.															Persons declared to be insolvents.									Remarks.
	Number of applications dealt with.						Applications disposed of.									Number of insolvents before the Court				Disposed of.					
		Filed during the year.							Granted.		Rejected.											Discharged.			
		By judgment debtors.																							
	Pending at the close of the previous year.	Under arrest or imprisonment.	Not under arrest or imprisonment.	By decree holders.	Received by transfer.	Total.	Transferred.	Withdrawn or otherwise not prosecuted.	A receiver being appointed.	A receiver not being appointed.	Penal proceedings under Section 359 not being taken.	Sentence of imprisonment being passed under Section 359	Applicant being sent to the Magistrate to be dealt with.	Total.	Pending at the close of the year.	Remaining at the close of the previous year.	Declared to be insolvents during the year	Received by transfer.	Total.	Transferred	Died.	Under Section 351.	Under Section 355.	Remaining at the close of the year.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Nagpur ...	9	82	7	...	...	98	...	27	2	21	1	...	..	51	47	2	23	..	25	..	.	21	2	2	
Chanda ...	1	3	2	..	..	6	...	1	.	4	1	..	..	6	..	1	6	..	7	..	...	5	2	..	
Bhandara ..	...	8	2	...	..	10	...	8	1	...	1	..	..	10	...	...	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	
Wardha ...	6	4	10	...	..	20	..	5	...	3	10	..	...	18	2	..	3	...	3		..	..	..	3	
Balaghat ...	1	4	...	..	...	5	...	1	1	1	1	...	..	4	1	1	1	...	2	..	..	1	1	.	
Jubbulpore ...	1	8	20	...	...	29	...	10	3	5	8	..	..	26	3	..	8	...	8	...	...	5	3	..	
Saugor ...	1	9	2	...	...	12	...	2	2	4	2	...	..	10	2	2	8	...	10	..	..	4	4	2	
Damoh ...	...	2		..	..	2	...	..	...	..	2	..	..	2	...	..	..	..	..	..	.	..	...	...	
Seoni ...	...	5	..	..	..	5	...	2	..	1	1	.	..	4	1	...	1	..	1	..	..	1	.	..	
Mandla ...	..	8	..	..	...	8	...	8	...	...	...	..	..	8	..	..	...	..	..	..	...	..	..	...	
Hoshangabad ...	1	1	...	..	...	2	...	1	...	..	1	...	...	2	...	..	..	..	..	..	...	..	..	..	
Betul ...	..	1	..	..	..	1	...	..	...	1	...	...	..	1	..	..	2	..	2	...	...	2	..	.	
Narsinghpur ...	9	19	1	..	...	29	...	19	6	1	...	...	...	26	3	2	6	...	8	.	..	1	...	7	
Chhindwara ...	..	1	..	.	...	1	..	...	..	.	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	..	...	..	..	...	..	...	
Nimar ...	..	23	3	...	..	26	...	10	1	13	1	..	..	25	1	..	14	..	14	..	..	13	1	.	
Raipur ...	...	10	8	...	...	18	..	4	1	4	6	...	..	15	3	4	5	..	9	...	...	5	1	3	
Sambalpur ...	.	3	5	..	...	8	..	2	2	...	4	..	..	8	..	..	2	..	2	.	...	..	2	...	
Bilaspur ...	2	3	..	...	...	5	..	...	2	3	...	...	...	5	..	..	5	...	5	.	..	3	1	1	
Total ... 1887...	31	194	60	...	...	285	...	100	21	61	39	...	...	221	64	12	85	..	97	...	...	61	17	19	
Total ... 1886...	35	188	63	...	...	256	...	91	24	65	46	...	..	226	30	9	96	...	105	...	..	70	26	9	

STATEMENT No. IX.—(Contd.)

PART II.—Showing the number of estates in the hands of receivers and the progress made in winding up.

Districts.	Number of insolvents' estates in the hands of receivers.				Amount of creditors' claims dealt with during the year.					Amount of insolvents' assets realized and outstanding.				Remarks.
	Pending at the close of the previous year.	Placed in charge of a receiver during the year.	Number of estates in regard to which proceedings were finally closed during the year.	Pending at the close of the year.	Unsatisfied and pending at the close of the previous year.	Admitted.	Disallowed.	Satisfied.	Unsatisfied and pending at the close of the year.	Amount of realized assets in the hands of receivers at the close of the previous year.	Gross amount realized during the year.	Total amount of disbursements.	Amount remaining in the hands of receivers at the close of the year.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Nagpur ..	12	2	12	2	1,20,679	1,114	...	5,172	1,16,621	2,979	2,768	5,429	1,318	
Chanda ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	...	...	...	
Bhandara ...	...	1	...	1	...	26	587	...	...	...	6	...	6	
Wardha ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Balaghat ..	...	1	1	...	..	29	...	...	296	...	3	3	...	
Jubbulpore ...	5	4	...	18	25,322	5,839	...	760	60,802	6	771	760	34	
Sangor ...	1	1	2	...	21,564	3,174	...	..	...	8,903	865	9,768	...	
Damoh ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Seoni ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Mandla ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Hoshangabad ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Betul ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Narsinghpur .	2	6	1	7	1	...	...	...	1	5	714	626	93	
Chhindwara .	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	
Nimar ..	5	1	4	2	7,306	1,200	...	4,539	3,967	37	59	81	15	
Raipur ..	...	...	1	..	2,322	...	...	691	...	...	691	691	...	
Sambalpur ..	2	...	2	...	210	708	317	20	898	...	65	20	45	
Bilaspur ...	...	2	1	1	...	21,883	105	25	21,696	...	3,104	1,691	1,414	
Total ... 1887 ...	27	18	24	31	67,404	34,240	1,009	11,207	2,04,191	11,930	9,046	19,069	2,925	
Total ... 1886 ...	17	13	13	27	1,91,486	39,219	5,292	16,810	2,12,767	276	25,868	13,168	12,976	